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» Approval is conditional pending negotiation of development deal

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REPORTER

Saipan is a step closer to having a $2-billion integrated casino resort following the Lottery Commission's unanimous decision yesterday to grant a conditional license to Best Sunshine International Ltd. after a tumultuous application process. The approval is considered "conditional" until the commission and Best Sunshine negotiate and come up with a "casino development agreement."

> I just hope we can wrap it up fast. Now what really stands between us and the integrated resort is a lot of work in between, a lot of support from the people.
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> **—Terence Tay, Best Sunshine's chief operating officer**

An audience of mostly retirees applauded when the 4-0 vote came down at 2:22pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The commission's two U.S.-based consultants that investigated and reviewed the applications recommended Best Sunshine for license consideration over Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. The consultants were The Innovation Group of Companies and B2G Global Strategies.

The "yes" votes from the commissioners were cast in this order: Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, Deputy At-

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, foreground, shares his views before casting a "yes" vote to the award of a conditional Saipan casino license to Best Sunshine International Ltd. yesterday afternoon, while other commissioners look on at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

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DCRM outreach promotes stewardship among marine sport operators

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The Division of Coastal Resources Management held a forum last month for the island's marine sport operators and its beach side operators as part of efforts to make them better stewards of the environment.

According to Avra Heller, the Coral Reef Initiative's Project Coordinator, the forum, held on June 18 and 19 at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan, focused on how marine sports and beach side operators interact with the island's marine and terrestrial environment.

Operators were approached as stewards of the environment—people who guide thousands of tourists with large physical impact on the island's protected areas every year.

"The goal of the forum was really to have a conversation," Heller said. "We wanted to make sure that we work with operators and hear what their concerns are."

One aspect of the forum invited the operators to take part in the Micronesian Challenge, which seeks to conserve 30 percent of marine resources and 20 percent of terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020. Heller said operators were asked to be champions of the Challenge, and be the force that they already are for the environment.

A second aspect focused on DCREM rules and the appropriate or legal behavior within protected areas and coastal zones.

Operators were informed about marine recreation practices that are best for the island's delicate coral reef systems.

They were asked to have their tourists and guides refrain from feeding fish and collecting shells and stepping on and taking corals, which are all illegal activities.

They were also introduced to different environmental agencies and officials who spoke on issues such as registration, enforcement, and coral and marine ecosystems.

In an interview, Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong, of MINA's Managaha Pride Campaign, spoke of the impact tourists can have on fish habitats.

"There's a direct link between feeding the fish, changing their behavior, and then creating incidents. For example, I was given a photo of Tasi Tours of a woman who had been bitten on her chest by a trigger fish, essentially because they were looking for food, they saw her moving around in the water, and there was nothing she was holding for them, so they just started to bite her."

According to Heller, 27 operators participated on the first day of the forum, and 36 participated on the second day, which focused more on beachside operations and hotels.

"Something that was brought up a lot was the huge littering problem on our beaches," Heller said.

Operators also discussed setting up dive buoys so that there would be established dive spots for dive operators, as well as the illegal activity of permits being acquired and then sold to friends.

Heller said operators now know the DCRM officers and Division of Wildlife officers they should contact in regards to violations.

Another development was the dialogue that opened between the operators and hotels. Heller said operators and hotels talked about issues they had such as how tourists were being pursued or treated by the operators.

Coming out of the forum, both the operators and hotels would like a better way of communicating issues.

A "touch-base system of meeting more regularly" was requested, according to Heller.

She said this is something DCRM is going to work on.

"These are the operators who care and realize that the coral reef being healthy is an important part of their job and their business, " Heller said, when asked about the turnout and response of the operators.

Presentations included officials from DCRM, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Public Lands, Department of Public Safety, and the Pacific Marine Resources Institute to talk about a range of topics like boat safety, reef habitats, and enforcement.

A similar forum and workshop was also held in 2009, according to Heller.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Red Cross training schedule

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter is scheduled to conduct first aid training today, July 16, at 6pm. Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Course fees apply. To register or for more information on other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. ***(ARC)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on July 24

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

CCA board meeting on July 22

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

Jehovah's Witnesses invite public to annual convention

Jehovah's Witnesses are inviting all of their neighbors to attend their annual convention to be held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The theme of this year's program is "Keep Seeking First God's Kingdom!"

Hoon Ahn, a convention spokesman, states: "In a discourse in Galilee, Jesus Christ urged his hearers: 'Keep on seeking first God's Kingdom!' This convention will explain what that Kingdom is and how it can be a positive influence in our lives. The program will highlight a central theme of the Bible and two core beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses: that God's Kingdom was established in 1914 and that Jesus Christ is the King of that Kingdom. Really, the convention marks the centennial of God's Kingdom."

He adds: "In the last three weeks, Jehovah's Witnesses on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota have been personally inviting their neighbors to attend this remarkable event. We warmly invite you to attend and benefit from this three-day convention."

The convention will be held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium and will begin Friday, July 18, 2014, at 9:20am. There is no admission fee. Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are supported entirely by voluntary donations.

An estimated 400 will come for the Bible-based program on Saipan. Jehovah's Witnesses in Micronesia plan to host conventions on nine islands. Worldwide, there are over 7,900,000 Witnesses in more than 113,000 congregations. ***(PR)***

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» Camacho orders Quichocho to explain why he should not be held in contempt

As this developed, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho ordered Quichocho yesterday to explain why he should not be held in contempt of court for not filing an affidavit as required in the court's suspension order.

Camacho ordered Quichocho to appear in court on July 30, 2014, at 1:30pm to explain why he has not filed the affidavit required by Rule 15(d) of the Commonwealth Disciplinary Rules and Procedures, and why he should not be held in contempt. The judge allowed Quichocho to make arrangements to appear telephonically or by video conference if necessary.

Under Rule 15(d), within 10 days after the effective date of a disbarment or suspension order, the disbarred or suspended attorney shall file with the Superior Court an affidavit showing, among other things, that he or she has complied with the provisions of the order and rules.

Last May 28, Camacho suspended Quichocho's license to practice law for three years for using a legal tool to harass a former client to obtain payment.

In this latest case, Wiseman said the public admonition against Quichocho is warranted in view of his violations, a recent disciplinary judgment against Quichocho that resulted in his suspension, and his extensive history of practicing law in the CNMI.

In his 18-page decision, Wiseman also ordered Quichocho to pay for the costs of prosecution, costs of investigations and service of process, in amounts to be determined at a later date.

Wiseman said the duty violated and injury caused by Quichocho's misconduct were relatively minor, and no affirmative evidence as to his mental state or motive for his actions exists on the record.

"As such, ethical violations of this magnitude ordinarily warrant a private admonition by the court, where the lawyer's conduct is isolated and causes little or no actual or potential injury to a client," the judge said.

According to Wiseman's findings, the CNMI Bar Association Disciplinary Committee referred to court the complaint against Quichocho. The court then appointed attorney George L. Hasselback as disciplinary counsel to prosecute the case.

Quichocho first represented Ignacio DLG. Demapan in 2004 in a lawsuit filed by the Commonwealth Development Authority in Superior Court. The lawyer later represented Demapan in connection with a government investigation into the land-clearing and destruction of the habitat of a protected bird species living on Demapan's property.

Quichocho told Demapan that he had contacted various individuals and officials involved in the investigation and that "he [Quichocho] would take care of it."

Quichocho

On July 29, 2004, former assistant attorney general Sean Lynch wrote a letter to Quichocho, stating that the government had withdrawn its notice of violation and civil penalty, and that while he would seek a redress in a judicial forum of a criminal action, he was open to arranging a meeting with him and Demapan to discuss the alleged violations.

Soon after, the government dismissed the administrative proceeding before the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

The contents of Lynch's letter were not forwarded, disclosed, or otherwise communicated to Demapan by Quichocho.

In May 2006, Demapan was arrested and charged in federal court with the taking of an endangered species. Quichocho briefly represented Demapan in the federal criminal case, but was quickly substituted out and he turned over Demapan's entire file to the new counsel.

In the 2008 general election for the federally elected position for delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, Quichocho's uncle, Felipe Q. Atalig, was a candidate.

In October 2008 or two weeks before the election, Quichocho saw Demapan in a restaurant. The lawyer told Demapan in Chamorro, "Uncle Ike, if you vote for Felipe Atalig for delegate, I will forgive the debts that you owe to me."

Demapan asked Quichocho if he was serious about his offer, to which Quichocho replied that he was. The lawyer claimed that Demapan owed him $8,000 in legal fees in connection with the CDA matter.

In November 2009, Quichocho and Demapan had a falling out due to politics.

In 2009, Quichocho filed a small claims against Demapan to collect on the legal fees and costs related to his representation in the Division of Fish and Wildlife administrative proceedings, which was reduced to a judgment in Quichocho's favor.

Demapan has since paid off the small claims judgment.

Quichocho has not been charged with a federal law on prohibition against vote buying.

Quichocho owed Dr. Larry Hocog $8,000 in connection with the expert witness testimony provided in one of respondent's cases at around the same time as his collection efforts.

On Jan. 15, 2012, Dr. Hocog and his attorney, Robert Myers, approached Quichocho in efforts to assign the attorney's fees Demapan owed respondent in order to satisfy the debt respondent owed Hocog.

In assigning the attorney's fees owed him, Quichocho provided Hocog and his attorney Demapan's name, as well as the purported amount to be transferred—some $8,623.

The assignment was made without the consent, consultation, and/or knowledge of neither Demapan nor his wife.

In 2012, the Demapan couple filed an unrelated lawsuit against Hocog. The couple then entered into a settlement agreement with Hocog.

Much to the surprise of the Demapan couple, Hocog tendered, as partial settlement, the debt assigned by Quichocho to Hocog as part of the assignment.

In June 2012, the Demapan couple filed a Bar complaint against Quichocho.

Wiseman conducted a closed-door evidentiary hearing on Nov. 20, 2013. Hasselback appeared as the disciplinary counsel. Quichocho appeared and was represented by his counsel, Michael Dotts.

Hasselback claims Quichocho violated Rule 1.1 of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct by failing to inform Demapan about "the threat of criminal charges and/or the overtures of reconciliation" contained in the letter from Lynch.

Quichocho argues, among other things, that his representation of Demapan at the administrative level was successful and that the federal government arrested and charged Demapan and not the CNMI represented by Lynch.

In finding Quichocho in violation of Rule 1.1 of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, Wiseman said the respondent had a duty to inform his client of the possibility of the government—whether it be the CNMI or a federal agency—filing criminal charges, as well as the potential willingness of the Office of the Attorney General to meet and discuss a possible settlement.

Wiseman said Quichocho failed to do so until after the government made its final decision to file criminal charges, and thus foreclosed any possibility of settling the case with the CNMI before they were filed.

Wiseman did not find any violation of Model Rule 8.4 in connection with Quichocho's alleged attempts to "buy" his client's vote for his uncle Atalig in exchange for forgiving Demapan's legal fees owed him in connection with representation in a previous, unrelated case.

Hasselback also claims violations of Model Rules 1.6 and 1.9 in relation to the purported assignment of owed legal fees to Hocog in order to settle an unrelated small claims matter.

Wiseman said while the court views the circumstances as presented to be more egregious than an ordinary collection effort, the court finds that Demapan's consent is not required in this case and that Quichocho has not violated any of the Model Rules cited by Hasselback.

The judge, however, stated that Quichocho's practice rests in stark contrast with customary collection efforts that attorneys in this jurisdiction and others conduct as ordinary business, and "is not condoned by this court in refusing to find violations here."

ERRATUM

In the story titled "Arctic Circle is back on online" that was published in the July 15 edition of the *Saipan Tribune*, Arctic Circle Air clarified that charter and cargo rates will be given at the time of booking.

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torney General Gil Birnbrich, Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, and Commerce Secretary and chair Sixto Igisomar.

"That's a conditional approval pending the negotiation of a casino development agreement," Igisomar told reporters moments after the meeting adjourned.

Another commission meeting is set for late next week or the week after. Negotiations with Best Sunshine are also expected to begin shortly.

Terence Tay, Best Sunshine's chief operating officer, said he's "overjoyed" and "overwhelmed" at the same time, adding that they have put in a lot of work in the application process.

He said Best Sunshine looks forward to the negotiation for a casino development agreement with the Lottery Commission.

"I just hope we can wrap it up fast. Now what really stands between us and the integrated resort is a lot of work in between, a lot of support from the people," Tay said shortly after the commission meeting.

He likened Saipan to a ship, adding that "today is a quantum leap forward." He expressed Best Sunshine's appreciation for being given a chance to be able to get into a "ship with everyone here and now we just move forward and aim for our destination."

"Deep inside, I just hope that we don't get diverted. We hope no one tries to sink the ship or bring it to some desolated islands somewhere because we are in it together now and we just want to start work almost immediately," Tay said.

Tay also thanked everyone who has supported Best Sunshine.

"We will not disappoint them. We will deliver what we promised. It's going to take a bit of time, as you noticed…" he said, adding that there's still a lot of work to be done. "We look forward to the continued support and please continue to be hopeful because we are here to stay and we are here to deliver on a promise."

Sean King, consultant for Marianas Stars, said Marianas Stars was "obviously disappointed with the outcome but now we move on and make sure that Tinian Dynasty stays economically viable in light of an exclusive casino license on Saipan."

Marianas Stars' parent company, Mega Stars, brought Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, saving it from the brink of collapse. Mega Stars is renovating and expanding Tinian Dynasty, which is currently the only operating casino in the CNMI.

"…now it's just making sure that Dynasty can survive and thrive in light of this exclusive competition from Saipan," he added.

King declined to comment when asked whether Marianas Stars is pursuing a lawsuit.

'Give it to them'

Three retirees addressed the Lottery Commission during a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting scheduled for 2pm.

All three of them—Gonzalo DLG. Pangelinan, Catalina Nebit, and Roman Tudela—urged the commissioners to grant a license to Best Sunshine, based on the review and recommendation of consultants.

"We need to move forward. I know this is a very controversial issue but you need to do your job," Tudela said, adding that at the end of the day, retirees, businesses, and everyone would be happy that a decision has been made.

Retirees are looking forward to the release of their deferred 25-percent pension since last year, once $30 million in bank deposit is released following a grant of a final Saipan casino license.

Igisomar said that while he cannot comment as to when exactly the retirees would receive their checks, he clarified that the commission will be approving the release of the $30 million in escrow when a license has been issued. He said at this time, the approval remains a conditional one, pending the negotiation of both parties for a signed consolidated development agreement.

Former lieutenant governor and former speaker Diego Benavente, now a retiree, said he's excited that "the most important part of the process is done."

"It looks like retirees will be able to get their 25-percent withheld pension so they will see a 100-percent pension once again. A lot of retirees and their families have been suffering so it will be a relief to get their 25-percent pension back. It's a great day," he said after attending the Lottery Commission meeting.

The Lottery Commission members received copies of the two consultants' investigation and review report last week.

In yesterday's meeting, three of the four commissioners spoke about their vote: Birnbrich, Deleon Guerrero, and Igisomar.

Deleon Guerrero said he thoroughly reviewed the applications that Best Sunshine and Marianas Stars submitted and publicly thanked them both "for having convincing interests to operate a casino industry" on Saipan. He said both submitted good proposals and commended their efforts.

"Mr. Chairman, with full reliance on the data that have been made available to this commission thus far, and in the interest of selecting the best qualified applicant, I hereby cast my vote in favor of Best Sunshine to be granted a casino license for the island of Saipan," the DPS commissioner said.

He said he fully understands that they do not have to issue a license at this point, but "I do not see a logical reason and a rational basis to deny Best Sunshine with one at this point."

The Lottery Commission's decision came four days after Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law a bill repealing and reenacting the Saipan casino law in its entirety to clarify its ambiguities and fully empower the Lottery Commission to grant a casino license.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday that he doesn't know any of the two applicants but he only hopes and depends "on the good judgment of the Lottery Commission so we can move on."

"I support moving on," he added.

OPA files 41 criminal charges vs ex-Aging chief Mondala

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The Office of the Public Auditor filed Monday in Superior Court an information charging former Office on Aging director Rose DLG. Mondala with 41 criminal charges.

OPA legal counsel George L. Hasselback charged Mondala with 22 counts of forgery; six counts of misconduct in public office; eight counts of use of public supplies, time, and personnel for campaign activities; two counts of use of public position to obtain benefits for business or social acquaintances; one count of theft of services; one count of theft; and one count of use of office, staff, or employees of a public office for personal benefit.

The 69-year-old Mondala, through her lawyer, is expected to enter a not guilty plea at her arraignment on Monday, July 21, at 9am.

The original arraignment date of July 7, 2014, was reset to July 14 and continued again to July 21 for various reasons.

OPA accused Mondala of using the Aging Office's funds and materials for the needs of the Covenant Party during the 2009 elections and to build a fence at her house in Kagman.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo released Mondala on a $7,500 unsecured or appearance bond during the defendant's initial appearance last June 27.

OPA investigator Juanette F. David-Atalig stated in her report that the investigation began in September 2009 when their office received a complaint that then-Office on Aging director Mondala was using the office's kitchen and staff to prepare food for the Covenant Party's political rally.

Probable cause found to charge Muña for burglary at Pretty Tour

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause yesterday to warrant the filing of charges against Roland Hernandez Muña in connection with the burglary at Pretty Tour Car Rental in Garapan.

At a preliminary hearing, Camacho found probable cause to charge Muña with a count of burglary, a count of theft, and a count of resisting arrest.

The judge, however, did not find probable cause on one count of burglary and dismissed that charge. That offense refers to Muña allegedly getting into a stolen FJ Cruiser.

In the other burglary charge in which the judge found probable cause, the Office of the Attorney General accused Muña of breaking into Pretty Tour Car Rental on June 30, 2014.

The OAG also alleged that Muña resisted arrest when pushed his hands away several times when two police officers attempted to handcuff him on him on July 5, 2014.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan took the witness stand yesterday.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Eden Schwartz served as counsel for Muña.

Muña remains in jail after failing to post a $50,000 cash bail.

Pangelinan disclosed in her report that John Deleon Guerrero was arrested on July 1 and admitted that he was with Muña when the latter burglarized Pretty Tour Car Rental office in the evening of June 30, 2014.

Pangelinan said surveillance cameras at two nearby establishments corroborated Deleon Guerrero's statements.

Pangelinan said that on July 1 at 7:54am, two police officers were dispatched to Pretty Tour Car Rental, where a burglary and theft incident was reported. Stolen were a cell phone and several keys to several cars and keys to an apartment on the second floor of Pretty Tour Car Rental building. The FJ Cruiser with license plate ACS 903 was stolen from the parking lot. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Incorrect info costs Sara Market a hefty $1,000

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The Department of Labor has sanctioned Sara Market II with a penalty of $1,000 for giving the department incorrect information about the total number of its employees. However, Labor's hearing officer Jerry Cody determined that Sara Market's actions were not deliberate attempts to mislead the department and suspended part of the penalty.

In its decision on July 14, DOL's Enforcement Section made three basic allegations: That Sara Market provided false and incorrect information about the total number of its employees; that the name "Marcy Dafrow" was provided on documents to prevent the employer from hiring more U.S. qualified workers; and that the employer omitted the name "Ko, Eui Suk" to prevent the department from learning the correct number of employees.

Labor said the incorrect information was found on the total workforce listing and tax return documents collected from Sara Market this year and last.

A document from May of this year listed Marcy Dafrow as employed as of May 1 yet, according to Labor, she did not start working until June 13.

Also, the same document failed to list Sara Market's president, Eui Suk Ko, as an employee, Labor said.

It said the error occurred again in the next month's total workforce listing for June. The document listed six employees when in fact there should be seven, including Ko.

A tax return from 2013 listed Dafrow as a full-time employee with wages of about $1,969 per quarter. However, according to her testimony, Dafrow said she only worked part-time and did not earn that amount.

Labor's Enforcement argued that Sara Market intentionally made these mistakes to mislead the department away from the fact that they did not employ enough U.S. workers.

Under Commonwealth law, every employer must show good faith efforts to hire U.S. workers and permanent residents to meet the targeted 30 percent of its workforce.

Ko's agent and translator, Jin Koo Cho, took responsibility for the mistakes. He claimed that the mistakes were not deliberate but just the result of his office's carelessness.

Cody found the evidence for intentional misrepresentation entirely circumstantial. The evidence was insufficient to conclude that the employer's mistakes were deliberate attempts to mislead the department, he said.

However, Cody said, this did not free the employer from any wrongdoing as Ko's testimony and demeanor showed that he had little or no knowledge that he signed the documents under penalty of perjury.

Furthermore, he said, even without any intentional fraud, the careless mistakes of Sara Market caused the department to question the veracity of all information given by Sara Market, which resulted in the case to be filed.

Because of this, Cody finds that these "errors and omissions wasted [Labor's] time, effort, and resources, and thereby justify a monetary penalty."

Cody said that $300 of the sanctions would be suspended for a year and then extinguished if the employer commits no further violations. The remaining $700 is to be paid on or before Aug. 15 of this year.

As for Sara Market's hiring practices, Cody concluded they made effort to cooperate with the department to hire U.S. workers.

In October 2013, they did not employ a single U.S. citizen or permanent resident but as of July this year, Sara Market achieved the targeted 30 percent U.S.-qualified workforce.

Because of its effort and lack of evidence of past conduct, Cody concluded that Sara Market should not be sanctioned for its hiring practices.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Best Sunshine would like to establish a pool of applicants for the following positions:

1. **Executive Assistant**
   Performs administrative duties for executive management. Responsibilities may include screening calls; managing calendars; making travel, meeting and event arrangements; preparing reports and financial data; training and supervising other support staff; and customer relations.
2. **Administrative Assistant**
   Analyzes financial information detailing assets, liabilities, and capital. Prepares balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and other reports to summarize current and projected company financial position. Prepares payroll and audits contracts, orders, and vouchers, and prepare reports as required.
3. **Accountant**
   Performs administrative and office support activities for multiple supervisors. Duties may include fielding telephone calls, receiving and assisting visitors, word processing, creating spreadsheets and presentations, filing, and faxing. Extensive software skills are required, as well as Internet research abilities and strong communication skills.

Local language ability is an advantage. Salary is $7.50/hour or above which is commensurate with experience and education. For job description, application form and more information, please email: **hr@bestsunshineint.com**. Resume will be required with submission of application. Background check will be required before employment.

Thank you, Si Yu'os ma'ase' and Olomwaay for your interest in Best Sunshine!

BEST SUNSHINE International

Saipan Zip Lines urged to comply with zoning requirements

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After an hour and a half of deliberation last Thursday on Saipan Zip Lines' application to build a zip line in Marpi, the Saipan Zoning Board asked the company to withdraw its application and amend it to conform with some zoning requirements.

The Zoning board expressed support for the project but board chair Diego Blanco said that Zip Lines' proposal lacks parking and bathroom requirements.

According to Blanco, he supports Zip Lines' project "1,000 percent" but Zoning requires that upon submitting an application, parking and bathroom amenities must be provided in the application for conditional use.

Zip Lines owners Ron Hodges and Jason Shankweiler, along with their legal counsel Pam Brown, said the installation doesn't require parking areas or bathrooms because they would be using the public parking and public bathrooms located in Marpi.

Zoning Office administrator Ogumoro told Blanco that the applicants did state that the activity would not require parking because participants would be riding shuttle buses and could head over to the Last Command Post if they need to use the restroom.

Blanco, however, reiterated that parking and bathrooms are required.

"I don't know if we can approve this project or not. It is lacking what is required by Zoning law," Blanco said.

Brown questioned Blanco on the matter of how their company will develop parking areas in a public land. Blanco said that they need a lease from the Department of Public Lands, and that this was the same issue they had before when they gave a conditional use permit to another applicant, whose project didn't go through.

That project was for a skating rink, which Brown said she was involved in as well and knew of the situation.

"But we cannot get a lease without going through Zoning first because that is what they asked us to do," Brown said.

Jack Torres opposed the project for not obtaining permits from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Marianas Visitors Authority and other concerns.

"I am asking the Zoning board to not approve this because it is an issue. Are we really considering this? Let's not burden the government and burden the bathrooms and parking areas. We have to follow the law," Torres said.

Zoning board member Bruce Bateman did note that the island needs more attractions and something new to offer tourists.

CHC following through on CUC payments—Fletcher

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Not including past arrears, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has so far been current in its payments with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., according to CUC's executive director Alan Fletcher.

Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that CHCC did make payments, following a court order in May for CHCC to make monthly payments to CUC equivalent to its monthly usage.

"CUC did make payments in June for May usage," Fletcher said.

According to Fletcher, about $484,000 was paid and another was made for April, totaling $411,569.

He said the payments were only for the principal amounts and did not include late charges.

"This matter is in litigation, and monthly payments equal to current usage have been ordered by the court," Fletcher said.

In May this year, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman extended a temporary restraining order that prohibits CUC from disconnecting electric, water, and sewer utility services to CHCC.

In an earlier interview, CUC's board chair Dave Sablan Jr. told *Saipan Tribune* that he is pleased that CHCC remains current for the month of April and May billings.

Sablan said that there were just a couple of differences in the billing for May.

"They are showing good faith in that regard and I am going to cooperate and work with them, notwithstanding that we're also under TRO," Sablan said.

Sablan also said that with the TRO, there is "just a slight discrepancy" and that CUC's management is working with CHCC's attorney to get some clarification on the billing differences.

CHCCs next due for payment is this week, according to Fletcher, and the bill is for the month of June, which is $517,745.07.

CHCC's chief executive officer Esther Muña could not be immediately reached for comments.

AFTER A $4.8M SETTLEMENT DEAL

JG Sablan, CNMI govt ask federal court to dismiss suit

Citing their settlement agreement, businessman John T. Sablan of JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc. and the CNMI government have asked the federal court to dismiss Sablan's lawsuit against the Department of Public Lands over a mining permit issue.

Attorney Michael W. Dotts, as counsel for plaintiffs Sablan and JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc., and assistant attorney general Peter B. Prestley, as counsel for DPL and Itibus, filed on Monday a stipulated dismissal before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Dotts and Prestley told the court that having reached a settlement, they agree to the dismissal of the lawsuit, with all parties bearing their own attorneys fees and costs.

The lawyers submitted their settlement deal to the court for review.

Sablan and JG Sablan Rock Quarry reportedly reached a $4.8-million settlement deal with the CNMI government in connection with the company's legal battle against DPL that began in 2006 when DPL terminated JG Sablan's mining permit.

At a settlement hearing on June 24, Dotts disclosed that Sablan has agreed to pay $4,806,867. 12 to the CNMI government and the latter will issue a mining permit for Pagan Island.

With respect to the mining permit, the length of such permit will be for 20 years, with a $100,000 permit fee payable in 120 days from its execution. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,	) Civil Action
Plaintiff,	) No. 13-0015
vs.	)
NICOLAS M. MENDIOLA,	) AMENDED
	) NOTICE OF
Defendant.	) AUCTION and
	) JUDICIAL SALE

AMENDED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 31st day of July, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **11th day of August, 2014 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 345 R 40, situated in Sinapalo I, Rota, as shown in the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 345 R 02 dated December 19, 1983, on file in said office, said land containing an area of 950 square meters more or less.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom .com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

SALES REPRESENTATIVE - HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful sales record. Ideally with an Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing plus experience in F&B/restaurant operations and menu preparation. Proficient in MS Excel, Word, Outlook. Ability to speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese or Korean language will be an advantage. Must have a valid driver's license and a clean driving record. Availability to work evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

ACCOUNTANT

BA in Accounting and a minimum of 3 years experience is required, including preparation of financial statements, processing accounts receivables & payables and other general accounting procedures. Must possess work-related skills, have knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory control and bank reconciliation. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word, Outlook and ACCPAC/Sage or similar accounting system. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants must submit an application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by July 16, 2014. Applications may also be sent to: mpk@dandq-international.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

D&Q is an equal opportunity employer and has a drug free work environment.
Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required.

Century Hotel
is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic (1)
Qualification: Requires post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration , or an associate's degree. Completion of apprenticeship program or two (2) to four (4) years of experience. Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Guest Relations Agent (1)
Qualification: High School diploma or equivalent, two (2) years experience in providing quality customer and personal service. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. Multi-tasking skills, detail oriented and effective problem solving are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays and weekends and nights.

General Maintenance Worker (1)
Qualification: Minimum of 2 years work experience as a handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with a central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid CNMI driver's license is required. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. High School diploma or equivalent.

Guest Relations Senior Supervisor (1)
Qualification: High School diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools , related on-the-job experience or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. 2 years experience in supervisory/managerial capacity in a high volume hotel is preferred. Must be able to supervise, train and coordinate all activities of the front desk ensuring the establishment is run effectively and profitably.

Housekeeping Cleaner (1)
Qualification: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of 6 months work experience in a hotel is preferred. Able to speak and write English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects.

Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from Fiesta Resort & Spa's security office located at the South Wing of the Resort.
To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than July 18, 2014.
Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Century Hotel is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd.
is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, GENIISYS and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Accounting Supervisor
A Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and/or Finance from an accredited college or university with minimum of 3 years work experience in supervisory level, supervising at least 2 associates. CPA board passer and with experience in Property & Casualty Insurance accounting operations is an advantage. Knowledgeable in SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Background in General Insurance Information System (GENIISYS) is a plus. Proficient in analyzing financial statements and must have knowledge in external regulatory reporting requirements. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge in Excel is a must.

Claims Officer
College graduate with a Bachelor's Degree preferably in Business Management with 10 years experience in a non-life insurance company particularly in the Claims Department. Must be knowledgeable in automotive, marine, casualty, worker's compensation, and property damage adjusting and estimation. Responsible for the evaluation, monitoring and adjustment of claims in accordance with the company practices and procedures. Must also be knowledgeable on reinsurance and have the ability to interpret statistical information for reinsurance purposes. Must have excellent customer service skills, time management, written and oral communication skills. Must be computer literate and proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs.

General Manager
Bachelor's Degree plus 10 years experience in the insurance business, at least 5 years of that as a general or operations manager in an insurance company. Must possess experience in managing technical underwriting including actual undertaking of risk analysis through risk survey and/or inspections of huge risks. Must have experience in managing reinsurance transactions with reinsurance brokers and reinsurers which involves undertaking of PML, Catastrophe Modeling, Setting Company Risk Retention. Must also be experienced in managing insurance claims handling including setting up of loss reserves in overseeing Claims Manager functions.

System Analyst
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Technology or Management Information Systems with a minimum 4 years experience in computer systems and programming. Must possess a broad knowledge and experience in computer systems, strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and the ability to think logically. Must have knowledge in Oracle server and programming, and a strong experience in insurance database and program – GENIISYS and an in-depth experience in insurance business operations. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Underwriting and Claims Supervisor
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree plus 5 years of work experience in insurance business particularly in claims, underwriting, and reinsurance. Must also have knowledge, skills and ability to analyze and manipulate enterprise risk management. Must possess above average communication skills, a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and the insurance software GENIISYS. Must be willing to take cross-functional assignments and adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's business operations.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, July 24, 2014.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adoption of Minutes

II. Public Comments[i]

III. Reports
- a. Chair's Report
- b. Executive Director's Report

IV. New Business
- a. Approval of Auditors for TDHC
- b. Approval of Closing Date for Fiscal Year for TDHC
- c. Transactional Permit for Matsui Asia
- d. Job Vacancy Announcements
  - 1) No. 2014-05
  - 2) No. 2014-06
- e. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
- f. Casino Employee License Applications and Hotel Registrations
- g. Office Lease Agreement

V. Executive Session[ii]

VI. Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters

VII. Adjournment

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Lawyer says Guam rampage suspect was assaulted in jail

By GRACE GARCES BORDALLO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The lawyer for a Guam man accused of killing three tourists in a crash and stabbing rampage said Monday that her client was assaulted in jail by another inmate.

DeSoto

Public Defender Jocelyn Roden said in court that 22-year-old Chad DeSoto was hit three times by another of her clients. DeSoto responded appropriately by reporting the incident to Guam Department of Corrections authorities, she said.

The incident did not appear to disrupt the trial, with closing arguments scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

Roden revealed the incident before lawyers and Judge Anita Sukola reviewed jury instructions on Monday. Sukola said she'll review jury instructions again Tuesday morning to accommodate late changes requested by lawyers on both sides.

DeSoto is accused of killing three Japanese tourists and hurting 11 others in the rampage in a tourist area last year by running his car onto a busy sidewalk, crashing into a convenience store then getting out and stabbing bystanders. Kazuko Uehara, 81, and Rie Sugiyama, 29, were stabbed to death in the February 2013 attack. Hitoshi Yokota, 51, was hit by a car and died in a hospital two days later.

DeSoto has pleaded not guilty by reason of mental illness.

Much of DeSoto's defense has focused on describing a downward spiral for DeSoto after his paternal grandfather died and his girlfriend moved away after graduating high school.

Experts and DeSoto's girlfriend have testified that he was not functioning normally.

CUC moves forward on geothermal power search and energy planning

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is moving forward in its energy plans through two projects that will help map out the CNMI's future on energy.

The two essential projects are the Geothermal Resource Assessment and Integrated Resource Plan and Energy Supply Analysis.

According to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher, both projects are now underway following formal procurement and selection processes.

The geothermal feasibility study will perform "exploratory deep drilling" on Saipan that will go three times deeper than the current groundwater and injection wells.

This will help confirm any heat source that may be present and gather geological information such as the rock type, alteration, structural deformation, and permeability.

"A temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will indicate whether a viable geothermal resource exists in this area of Saipan, as has been suggested by previous findings of warm water in this same area during shallower, water well drilling," Fletcher stated.

According to him, the prime contractor for the project is 4I's CNMI LLC, along with subcontractors Maevelle Energy and Alexander Drilling.

Fletcher said that in October 2013, CUC had begun work with geothermal experts from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Southern Methodist University to draft a new request for proposal for Saipan.

"Following industry-wide advertisements, a source selection committee comprised of geologists and engineering professionals made the contractor selection. The contract negotiations with 4i's CNMI LLC was completed in the end of June and beginning of the meeting was July 7," Fletcher said.

For energy solutions, Fletcher is working with Leidos Engineering, LLC.

The integrated resource plan project's purpose is to determine the best combination of both base-load and renewable energy sources capable of providing reliable power at the lowest price to consumers.

"This will determine the community's long-term energy plan and assuring that the best possible mix of technologies, management, and financing options is selected," Fletcher said.

He said the first activity CUC conducted on the integrated resource plan was obtaining stakeholder input and developing a request for proposal for the base-load energy supply.

"CUC hopes to attract a wide range of responsive and responsible energy supply proposals by offering an open and competitive procurement," Fletcher said.

He also said that Leidos will also conduct an independent third-party technical evaluation and monitoring of the proposals for a most "cost-effective, long-term" energy solution for consumers.

"Today, fuel costs account for 70 percent of the electric bills in the CNMI and converting to another source of base-load generation has the greatest potential for economic savings for consumers," Fletcher said.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY "B" PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the repair of Taxiway "B" at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, August 1, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (25 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – (25 points);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, AUGUST 22, 2014**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
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Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
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Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer
Date: July 14, 2014

Kanoa Resort
Saipan

Maintenance Coordinator (1)
Qualifications: Requires three (3) years of satisfactory performance as a Maintenance Coordinator; or any combination of related education and experience in the assigned area; or up to four (4) years of college courses in civil engineering, construction management or related field. Must have the ability to read, write, analyze & interpret orally & written effectively; ability to interpret and administer contracts for construction, and/or operational services.

Lifeguard (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to swim and have an outgoing personality and the ability to motivate with enthusiasm. Proposed ideas or find ways to improve services, systems and/or procedures. Direct and lead activities for guests of all ages. Certified CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard. Must be able to work flexible schedule including holidays, weekends and nights.

Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Able to supervise, manage and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Prefer some technical courses. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work flexible schedule including holidays, weekends and nights.

Electrician (3)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Landscaping Worker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 to 3 years previous work experience. Cultivates and cares for ornamental plants and installs floral displays indoor or outdoor settings through performance of any combination of following duties as directed by supervisory personnel. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Sous Chef (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma; a graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. Must have at least four (4) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Supervising-chef assistant Supervises and coordinates activities of cooks and other workers engaged in preparing and cooking foodstuffs. Assumes responsibility for kitchen in absence of EXECUTIVE CHEF. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

International Cook (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Baker (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Some previous work-related skill, knowledge or experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Demi Chef (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or postsecondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum of four (4) years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Cafeteria Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or GED certificate. Little or no previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed for these occupations. Must facilitate food service. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration or and associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or two (2) to four (4) years of experience. Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Assistant Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Preferably some technical courses. Must know how to use Excel and Microsoft Word. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram and understand centralized air-conditioning system. Adheres to OSHA safety standards that are applicable for the safe performance of job. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Powerhouse Mechanic (Power Plant) (1)
Qualifications: Require postsecondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges, or and associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or 2 to 4 years of experience. Perform routine maintenance or make repairs to mechanical, electrical, or electronic equipment in power plants. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

Pool Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate with at least two (2) years work experience as a Pool Attendant. Knowledgeable on some sports and in organizing group activities. Must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Certified CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

General Maintenance Worker/Repairer (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Income Auditor Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Minimum of five (5) years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Examine and analyze accounting records to determine financial status of establishment and prepare financial reports concerning operating procedures. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to F&B, Dry goods and Housekeeping cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

Housekeeper (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Tailor/Dressmaker (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of Three (3) years work experience as a dressmaker preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Housekeeping Supervisor (4)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

IT Tech Support Manager (1)
Qualifications: Any combination of education and training equivalent to possession of a bachelor's degree in computer science, information engineering, computer associates or other related areas. Must have at least five (5) years working experience. Experience in all areas of local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, implementation, and user support. Experience installing and supporting Microsoft server technologies. Working knowledge of local and wide area networks (LAN/WAN), Internet, e-mail systems, telecommunications and data communications, standard operating systems, software packages, and software. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Night Auditor (1)
Qualifications: College Diploma or Equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

Guest Relations Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. One to four years or supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to make sure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Assistant Manager, Room Reservation (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Minimum of two continuous years experience in reservations, at supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Responsible for the supervision of all activities pertaining to Reservations Department in order to achieve the highest possible occupancy levels for the purpose of maximizing room revenues and profit. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays and weekends.

Wait Staff (7)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED preferred. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Food and Beverage Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent or training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree. Minimum two (2) years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in preparing and serving. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. Strong customer service skills and people oriented.

Guest Services Agent (3)
Qualifications: Must have minimum of 2 years work experience in providing quality customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. High School diploma or GED certificate. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have multitasking skills, be detailed-oriented, and be able to solve problems in order to effectively deal with internal and external customers.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than July 16, 2014. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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NMC launches new domain: www.Marianas.edu

The Northern Mariaanas College's domain haas transitioned from nmcnet.edu to www.marianas.edu. Please use this new domain name to find information about NMC's programs and services, including registration updates for the upcoming semester, job postings, faculty and staff contacts, and other information.

All employee and student email addresses have also been changed to reflect the new domain. Employee emails now use the following format: firstname.lastname@marianas.edu (in most cases, unless there are duplicated names). Student emails are formatted slightly differently: firstname.lastname@my.marianas.edu (in most cases, unless there are duplicated names).

Please visit www.marianas.edu for additional information or call 234-5498 Ext. 6700 if you need assistance. ***(NMC)***

UOG Marine Lab hosts workshop on coral spawning and reef restoration

From July 14 to 24, 2014, the SECORE Foundation, UOG Marine Lab and Underwater World Guam, together with trainers from Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Horniman Museum and Aquarium, and University of New South Wales, are hosting the 2nd Annual Coral Spawning and Reef Restoration Workshop on Guam.

This international workshop will feature training in coral reproduction and restoration techniques, coral disease, and coral bleaching. Many of the lectures and workshop activities will be open to the public for observation and participation.

The public is cordially invited to attend the following evening lectures at the UOG Marine Lab lecture hall, and visit the UOG Marine Lab to observe nightly spawning and training activities:

- Friday July 18, 7pm: The SECORE Initiative, Dr. Dirk Petersen, SECORE
- Saturday, July 19, 7pm: Coral Spawning Biology, Dr. James Guest, University of New South Wales
- Sunday, July 20, 7pm: Coral Bleaching and Restoration, Dr. James Guest
- Monday, July 21, 7pm: Coral Bleaching Event on Guam, David Burdick, Guam Coral Reef Monitoring Program
- Tuesday, July 22, 7pm: Coral Reef Restoration: Dr. James Guest and Dr. Laurie Raymundo, UOG Marine Laboratory

The workshop is sponsored by Payless Car Rental and Micronesian Divers Association. For more information, contact Dr. Laurie Raymundo, at 735-2184. ***(UOG)***

Hyatt features foods of Micronesian Islands

» Explore customary tastes of the Micronesian Islands at Kili Café and Terrace

For two nights on July 18 and 19, Hyatt Regency Saipan chef Jesse Aguon will spearhead a cultural journey showcasing an abundant spread of grilled specialties, including beef fingers, pork belly, Chamorro sausage and *tataga* (unicorn fish) paired with three varieties of coco (Chamorro pickles). Chef Ben Babauta will also be making housemade empanadas each night.

"Our culinary team from different island ethnic backgrounds planned these two nights thoughtfully to represent the major Micronesian islands with pride," said executive sous chef Blake Carothers.

This amazing buffet spread of Micronesian traditional tastes is priced at $48 per person. Club at the Hyatt members are welcome. Price includes free-flowing beer, wine and iced tea. ***(Hyatt)***

SPC hosts training to build capacity for resilient development

Pacific Island countries are amongst the most disaster prone in the region, exposed to natural hazards such as floods, droughts, tropical cyclones, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and tsunamis, which all pose a significant challenge to development in the Pacific region. A single disaster event can result in losses in the millions of dollars and can undo progress in areas such as infrastructure, agriculture, healthcare and education.

Despite recognition of the importance of disaster resilient approaches to development, many countries face challenges in identifying ways to effectively mainstream risk reduction considerations into national development planning processes. To address this, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, in partnership with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center is holding a one week training workshop that focuses on how to mainstream disaster risk reduction into development.

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A one week training workshop in Nadi, Fiji, that focuses on how to mainstream disaster risk reduction into development includes participants from the Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

The training, in Nadi, Fiji, from July 14 to 18, includes participants from the Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu with representatives of National Disaster Management Offices and ministries responsible for national planning and finance. Representatives from the Pacific islands Forum Secretariat, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program and United Nations Development Program will also participate in the training workshop.

A mixture of theory, case studies, and exercises will be used to increase participants' knowledge and skills in areas such as risk assessment, understanding the links between development and disasters, selecting appropriate risk reduction options and identifying and entry points to mainstream risk reduction in development. The training workshop will further build capacities of government planning officials in the Pacific Region to plan and implement disaster resilient development through enhancing their understanding of the integration of Disaster Risk Reduction considerations in the development planning process.

The training workshop is supported by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center works in a number of countries in the Asia Pacific region to strengthen disaster resilience at all levels. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community is an international organization that works in public health, geoscience, agriculture, forestry, water resources, disaster management, fisheries, education, statistics, transport, energy, human rights, gender, youth and culture to help Pacific Island people achieve sustainable development. ***(SPC)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy, happy birthday greetings go out to Polly DLG-Masga, who celebrates her birthday today! May you have an awesomely great, dynamic, and fabulous one! Wishing you more birthdays to come! Cheers to you and another year! God bless! We love you! Coming out from your "gayshas": Kiki, Riri, and Gigi.

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Happy 13th birthday to my son, Willtun! Wishing you nothing but the best of years to come your way. Good bless you on your special day. We love you forever! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, your sisters and the whole family.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 16, 2001

From mothers to ma'am

About 300 women participated in the two-day conference, which helped open doors of opportunities to the island's female sector through discussions on various issues. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio officially opened the conference Friday with words of encouragement, urging CNMI women to take a step forward in helping nourish the Northern Marianas' growth and development. "For many years, our public and private sectors, more and more women have been departing from their traditional jobs, to take on new roles formerly dominated by men," said Tenorio in his speech. He said that advanced education has brought more opportunities for a better life for all CNMI women. He said that with freedom to choose and the necessary skills to grow, women have carved their niche.

Child molestation

The Issue: Cases of child molestation has alarmingly increased in these isles. A former teacher would be returned to Saipan to stand trial for alleged molestation of several Oleai Elementary School girls. We will not deal with the issue directly as it would eventually be brought to court for review and disposition. Furthermore, the legal system says that an accused is innocent until proven otherwise in a competent court of law. Shall we digress.... An Associated Press story last weekend featured a 12-year-old Mexican girl whose "shy giggle petered out and her broad grin faded as the conversation turned away from her dolls and touched on her pregnancy."

July 16, 1999

Is he a cause-oriented rebel or a plain criminal?

"I'm not a bad person. I'm only angry because I'm being treated like an animal. My life is a nightmare," thus said convicted hostage-taker William C. Sablan, in his attempt to soften the judge's heart and appeal for a reduced sentence. His lawyer, Bruce Berline, went on to describe Sablan as a "cause-oriented protester," who tried to fight for a humane jail condition. "Let's not forget the foundation of his action. Mr. Sablan had a great cause. The means which he chose to take to fight for his cause was wrong and he admitted that. He was remorseful," Berline told the court.

Govt must pay more to pare down dues to NMIRF

Despite payment of an average of $1.6 million each month to the Retirement Fund to settle its burgeoning debt, the government has yet to diminish the $21 million it owed the agency since last year. Acting Retirement Fund Administrator Fred Camacho said the payment is not enough to reduce the unpaid contributions by the government as the monthly check represents current obligations. "They need to pay us a little more if they want to pare down the $21 million debt," he said.

July 16, 2011

Judge issues restraining order to protect lawyer

Court marshals take Juan B. Roberto to a police car as his girlfriend tries to calm him down outside the judicial building in Susupe yesterday. (Ferdie de la Torre) The Superior Court has issued a temporary restraining order against a former businessman who allegedly made threatening gestures at a lawyer after a hearing on a contempt issue. Yesterday, Juan B. Roberto, a former businessman, became unruly in court and threatened to commit suicide shortly after associate judge David A. Wiseman ordered him to start serving a 10-day prison term for contempt. Three court marshals subdued Roberto, who kept yelling that he does not deserve jail term and kicked the court's doors. About three police officers assisted the court marshals in getting him inside a police car.

DPS firefighter who refused lie detector test resigns

The Department of Public Safety personnel who refused to undergo a lie detector test in connection with the investigation into the disappearance of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk has resigned effective July 1, DPS Commissioner Ramon Mafnas disclosed yesterday. As this developed, DPS assured protection to anyone who will come forward and offer information. Investigators are also planning to conduct another aerial search. In a press briefing held at the Department of Corrections' conference room, Mafnas said the personnel who declined the polygraph test officially resigned as a firefighter and that he had accepted the resignation.

Guam Guard 1224th ESC is selected as HONOR COMPANY

Soldiers from the 1224th ESC pose for a group photo following the successful conclusion of Rotation 14-08 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. Photo provided for the Guam National Guard.

MAJ JOSEPHINE BLAS/GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

Soldiers conduct preventive vehicle maintenance during daily operations in support of Rotation 14-08 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

The 1224th Engineer Support Company of the Guam National Guard was selected as Honor Company for the 14th Engineer Battalion during Rotation 14-08, an exercise in support of the 2-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team's predeployment training.

According to Lt. Col. Douglas E. Brown, commander, 14th Engineer Battalion, the Guam soldiers stood out for their get it done attitude. "The 1224th Engineer Support Company from Guam is a very dependable and flexible unit. They are always on time and at the right location. As a result of their performance and positive attitude, I selected them to be the Honor Company for my battalion during NTC Rotation 14-08. It was pleasure to have them on the team."

Approximately 100 soldiers of the 1224th ESC spent nearly three weeks at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, providing horizontal engineering support and force protection, while receiving training collectively on various engineer and support tasks.

"I am very proud of the soldiers. We had the least equipment, but completed the most missions, while pulling our own security—no other engineer company did this," said Capt. Melvin Pilarca, commander of the 1224 ESC.

"The soldiers were prepared and worked collectively to ensure we completed the missions on time, with no major injuries, sick calls or negligent discharges; no loss of sensitive items and no accidents. Despite the extremely hot and dry conditions, we also had no heat casualties," said Pilarca.

Sergeant First Class Jeffrey Santos, a 33-year veteran and original charter member of the Guam National Guard, felt that it was good training. "This is the first time that the Engineers participated in this type of exercise and I love it! Because the changing environments and situations present a lot of challenges, the soldiers have had to learn to adapt to get the mission done."

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Soldiers from the 1224th ESC provide force protection during Rotation 14-08 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

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Sergeant First Class Jeffrey Santos takes a break between missions during Rotation 14-08 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

Santos, a horizontal construction engineer, said they also had to react to random enemy attacks. "This training gave the soldiers the real-world training they needed."

The 1224th ESC was the only Engineer unit to bring soldiers with engineer skill sets, but they also brought their own security. Specialist Rita Taitano, from Hotel Company, was part of the team to provide security for the soldiers while they were working to perform engineering functions. "This exercise is similar to some of the missions we did while in Afghanistan. It's good to keep our skills up to par and to learn how to work with different units."

"The desert training environment allows us to use skills as medics to help the soldiers battle the cold nights, as well as the dry, hot days," according to Specialist Nelson Soliva. "Basically, it was priceless training for us—we learned to help them stay in the fight."

After a successful annual training, the 1224th ESC is hoping to continue similar training opportunities to help the unit grow and stay ready. ***(PR)***

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Germany recoils at spying by the United States

The deterioration in relations with Germany due to U.S. espionage in that country reached a new low when the Germans requested last week that the senior CIA official there leave.

The U.S. approach to spying in that country was different during the Cold War, when it was split between West Germany, allied with the United States in NATO, and East Germany, part of the Communist Warsaw Pact headed by the Soviet Union. Back then it was a target-rich environment for spies from all sides.

Then Germany was reunified in 1990 and the U.S. spying agenda there should have changed, but it hasn't. Now Germany is the world's fourth-largest economy and easily the strongest country in the 28-nation European Union. Its chancellor, Angela Merkel, is a world political figure.

But the United States has been slow to adapt. It still has more than 40,000 troops and 62 bases in Germany. Information released by former U.S. National Security Agency contractor Edward J. Snowden indicates the NSA vacuumed up official and private communications in Germany, some of it from Ms. Merkel's cell phone. The latest news is that two German officials, one of them employed by the country's intelligence agency, had been signed up by the CIA and at least one of them was selling secrets to the CIA. That apparently was the straw that broke the camel's back, causing Germany to request that the CIA station chief leave.

This strain on relations must be fixed. The United States needs German cooperation on a broad range of political and economic enterprises, including resolution of the Ukraine, Iran and Israel-Palestine imbroglios. On Sunday, Secretary of State John Kerry, appearing with Germany's foreign minister, emphasized the strategic importance of the relationship between the two countries.

The United States has so far refused to add Germany to the list of five nations which have pledged not to spy on each other—Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. If Germany cannot be added to it, a separate nonaggression agreement should be extended by President Barack Obama before things get worse.

Obama reportedly was not made aware of the sensitive spying situation with Germany. If true, that is ridiculous and a reflection on his leadership as well as on the CIA, the spy agency that in principle works for him.

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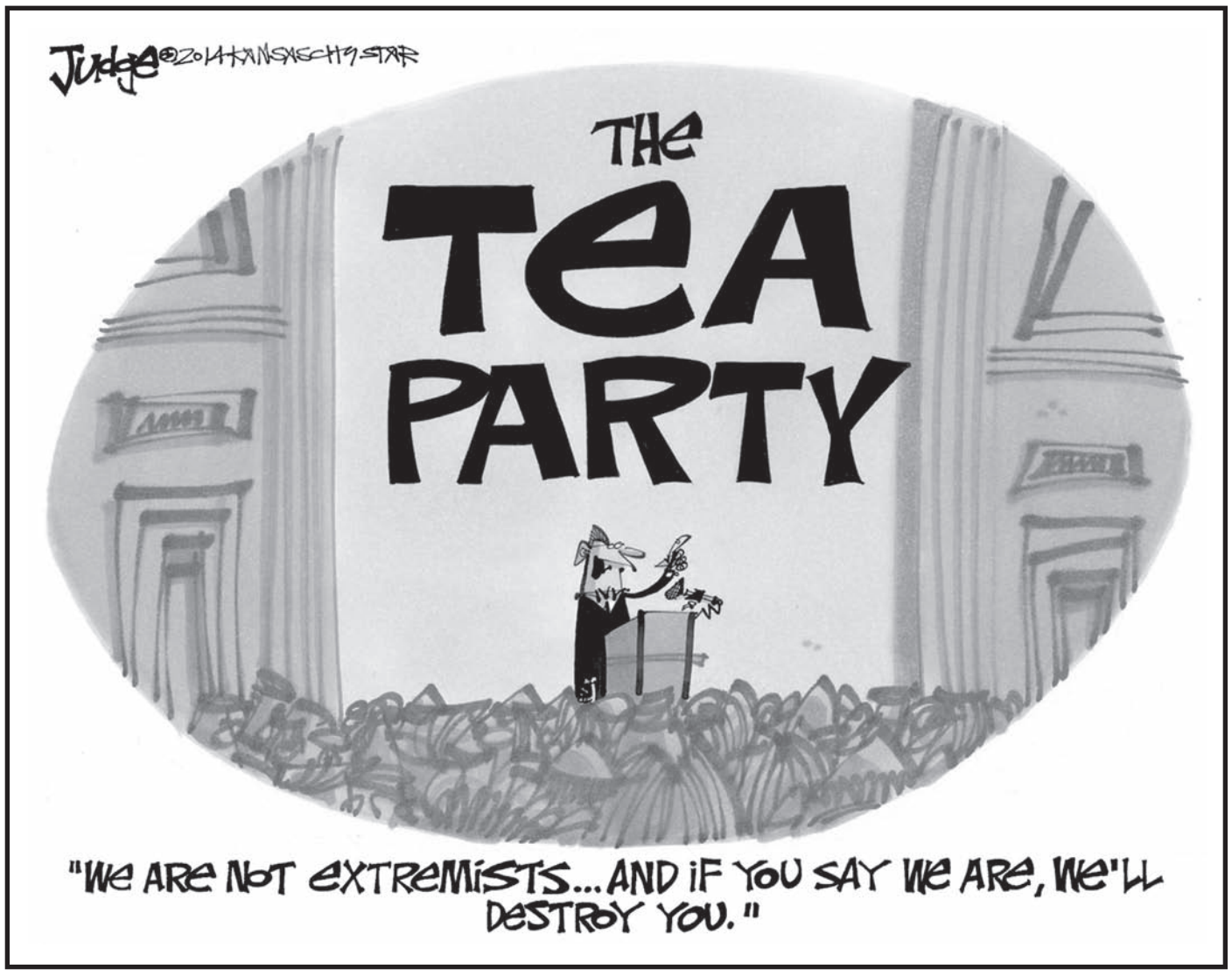

Edmonton

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I worked through my last two years of college as a disc jockey and a commentator in a local radio station in the Cagayan Valley up northern Luzon. One of my English teachers thought that I could improve my English if I used it more often, so she had me introduce songs on the airwaves as well as read dedication wishes.

Before I knew it, I was doing a social commentary in Iloko like a seasoned politico, dispensing advice to the forlorn and the love-distraught, pretending to be an experienced Don Juan or seasoned Romeo, if not a tested gigolo/lothario massaging egos while reading flowery dedications. I found out early also that I was not in the air for the quality of my broadcast voice for I sounded like an old man, thus my early morning commentary in *Ti Ayat ken biag ni Tang Jaime* (the love and life of old Jaime), but my teacher allegedly saw wit in my gab.

At noontime, when our VOA-voiced announcer was absent to read the daily news, I reluctantly subbed. My voice cracked more than it gelled. Our announcer *Mang* Kiko with the deep throat (before the phrase meant something else) turns out to have a niece who lives in Edmonton, Alberta. The connection, albeit thin, occasioned the trip from the Calgary Stampede where I wore a black cowboy hat, a plaid shirt and a bolo tie, to a visit with *Mang* Kiko's relation in the festival town of Edmonton!

I had been to Edmonton before, in the second half of the '70s when my family and I resided in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. My second daughter was born in Canada. I was to drive my Calgary host's car but I forgot my Hawaii driver's license in China, and rules will not allow for facsimile even if a copy is available from the Internet. So we took a Red Arrow bus instead.

I arrived in Calgary before Canada Day on the First of July. I learned that the city was voted in one tally as the cleanest in the world. Even though the province has abundant tar sands that the oil industry wishes to process for electric power, Calgary and Edmonton are cities with clear skies and ample fresh air. The healthy ambience comes, however, at a steep sticker price. Both are on the top 10 of the most expensive cities in the world.

Edmonton sits at the junction of the prairie that rolls south all the way to the Mississippi River and heads north to boreal hills full of aspen, poplar, birch, and Manitoba maple trees. Railroad development first came through with the Canadian Pacific line from Vancouver to Calgary, so the second city of the province is ahead on the population count. The provincial government supported other lines that could compete with the federally supported Pacific line that traversed the nation close to the 48th parallel, and the Canadian Northern line developed routes connecting Toronto to Prince Rupert in BC of the northwest Pacific coast, and Churchill up north. Edmonton became a gateway city.

The city leads to the oil sands of the north, and the diamond mines of the NW Territories. It is also the highway gate to Alaska via the Yukon. Though at a more northern latitude than Regina in Saskatchewan and Winnipeg in Manitoba, it has milder winters than both.

The Red Arrow bus came equipped with a fridge full of pop soda and water, with clean washroom and comfortable seats provided with three-pronged electrical outlets for the laptop, USB power sources for tablet and cell phone, a socket for the earphone, and volume and TV channel controls.

Halfway into the trip, we were welcomed by the familiar green farm equipment of John Deere in Red Deer. The red deer that named the town is often mistaken as an elk, a wapiti, and a moose, but with bison on the horizon, I was reminded of a recent trip to Erg'una near Hailar in Inner Mongolia, to an old elk-tending tribal group known to be part of the tribes that crossed the Bering Straits into the continent, later carried Amerigo Vespucci's name, some now identified with members of the First Nation of Canada.

I napped a bit and awakened in a populated settlement so I asked my seatmate where we were. I was told that we were in L.A., which made me wonder if I was asleep in a surrealistic dream until I saw a sign that said: Le Duc, Alberta. We were in L.A. of the French trappers.

In the farmland, the 3,500 Duramax 4x4 GMC was the chariot of choice of the farm warrior of boots and hat. Edmonton loomed not too far alongside what I previously saw were but trickles of the Saskatchewan River in the Athabasca glacier in the Rockies, now a wide and deep cut in the middle of the city; the English Edmonton of 1977 has become a glitter of metropolitan polish in the midland of Alberta.

My welcome was very warm. Our host was a retired pediatrician who spent some time in Zambia with her miner hubby. Sprite as a Doris Day, we knew people in common. Meeting other Pilipino elders at the local Legion center introduced me to other folks who knew or were related to other people I also knew. Attending a baptismal gathering got us multilingual Pinoys; the diaspora suddenly was kin.

It did not take long for Edmonton in my heart to cry out: Yah hoo!

Political marathon ahead

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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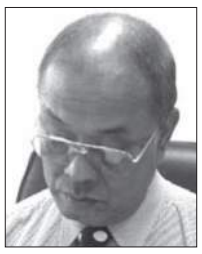

Politicians have begun prepping their arsenals and war chests for what looks like a very contentious and vicious warfare on the campaign trail this year. The academically and professionally suited would review their materials in hopes of understanding and articulating them publicly.

The less suited would bluff their way with clichés and jargons they don't even understand, e.g., "We have to be open minded" or "It is what it is." Nice try but could you explain exactly what you mean? Posturing as superficial intellect won't cut the cake either. We both know it's fallacious.

Let's cut through the chase and solicit answers both from incumbents and the new kids on the block. Victors must prove that the Legislature isn't a cesspool of incompetence and ignorance.

Incumbents: Did you successfully reduce power bills? Did you do anything to raise wages and salaries so families could meet concurrent combined cost of living of some 60 to 80 percent? Did you do anything to help employees deal with the 40-percent increase in health insurance? Do you know that the fiscal collapse has adversely affected every household here? Your solution?

Guam will raise its minimum wage to $8.25 per hour next year; what's its economic implication for the NMI? Isn't it higher prices for basic commodities, including fossil fuel given that all of these must pass via the commercial port of Guam? Do you now understand why vision and perception are vital in policymaking, guarding against adverse effects of laws from within and without?

New kids on the block: Granted that you may be academically and professionally competent, but what's your perception of policymaking and have you seriously reviewed current predatory policies that have stifled economic growth? If so, could you articulate them including solutions that are investment friendly? What are those issues? Would you be amenable to changing the casino law so the NMI allows for two licenses to secure temporary cushion to its needs beyond those of retirees?

In all that may have gone wrong in paradise, I still cling to a single thread of hope—walk alongside our people in search of brighter tomorrows—mind numbing it may be. Hardship we've endured (and will continue to do so) has shifted into endurance and resiliency. This has moved into the rough and stormy waters of hope.

We're now paddling our canoes into the lagoon of common sense and logic. We hope to move out of the harbor of misery up ahead. Hold on firmly and let's repeat what we did last midterm election when we collectively rebuked a growing dictator and his cronies from office.

As I cast my vision 50 years into the future, I find comfort in the fact that younger, academically competent, and professionally equipped folks are entering the realm of policymaking to recapture what's ours! These folks deserve the opportunity to shift misery to prosperity. Incumbents have simply lost their true north! No longer do they serve as beacon lights but dimmed useless flashlights.

Across campus at NMC, I see young scholars taking resolute sacrifice in the acquisition of lifetime skills to prepare themselves for the challenges ahead. This group would become fully poised and informed on matters of state. They'd trash shallow provincial politics into the ash heap of history. They offer a new and hopeful beginning over the tired and exhausted bunch struggling for air in their self-made cesspool of appalling disconnection.

The young and educated candidates are out there with realistic perception that this government is bankrupt, demonstrated by the cut of 25 percent of retirees' pension pay last October. Their view isn't stuck in ideological or philosophical divide but premised on insightful clarity of understanding that the NMI needs the power of fresh ideas to jerk the needle of growth forward. They also know that financial or economic paralysis has strangled the livelihood of the multitude Marianas-wide. This must change!

The new kids on the block are equipped with real competence. Among incumbents I'm still impressed with Rep. Ralph Yumul. Admirable his thoughtful articulation of issues backed by factual information. The rest have turned into broken lawnmowers at the Marpi landfill! Sorry, this watchdog isn't a lapdog by any stretch of the imagination.

Statesman vs politician

We only have about three folks who qualify as statesmen. The rest are in the latter category, a dime a dozen since time immemorial and still peddling useless wares. A politician is someone who:

- Salutes the flag but sends others to the battlefield in defense of our country.
- Pillage the Retirement Fund and declares, "Eh yeah` no!"
- Cuts pension pay by 25 percent and declares, "I will continue fighting for you!"
- Fails to resolve health insurance that went up by 40 percent then turns mute.
- Fails to reduce power rates but found strange sandwiches in New Zealand.
- Guards the sole casino license law singing, *You Are My Sunshine*.
- Myopic view of healthcare thus never cared about CHC being underfunded.
- Delivers speeches they can't write, much less understand and articulate.
- Doesn't understand the role of real leadership!
- Doesn't know what's north. Their usual answer: point north! Non-directional query!

It's a citizen's obligation to probe the competence of those running for office. Though you may be a good friend of mine, if you lack the competence then you won't be getting my vote either. I don't see why our people's miseries should be extended in perpetuity just to accommodate incompetence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let Gov. Inos do his job

We're on the road to economic recovery, and Public Law 18-56 is part of that recovery. Gov. Inos realizes that and that's why he's doing his best to make the casino industry possible and save our retirees from financial doom.

Glen Hunter's letter gives the governor an unkind lecture about the right way to run the Commonwealth. Glen goes into some detail about his own legal theories of why Public Law 18-56 is legally inappropriate. And we should trust Glen's opinion, because as we all know, Glen is a highly experienced lawyer and a constitutional scholar.

No, wait. He's not. He never set foot in law school. And unlike Gov. Inos, Glen didn't even go to college. So what's he doing lecturing us about legal matters, when the governor's legal counsel has already cleared the issues with House Bill 18-195, which became Public Law 18-56?

Glen promises us a vote "in just a matter of four short months." Does he have some special, shorter months that we don't know about? Is this new arithmetic? Over here in reality, a month is a pretty long time, and four months is much too long to wait for a decision on reviving the CNMI's economy. That's why executive decisions are made by the executive and not by the electorate. As much as it hurts Glen's fragile ego to hear it, Gov. Inos and the Legislature don't have to check with Glen before fulfilling their duties to raise money for the Commonwealth and save our retirees.

Glen, your glory days, if there ever were any, are well over. You can't run on Tina's coattails anymore. And you don't impress anyone by trying to lecture the governor about things that you have no idea about, when you have absolutely no experience or education in the fields of law or government.

Let Gov. Inos do his job. Let retirees regain financial security. Let Public Law 18-56 do what it is intended to do. Let Glen Hunter out to pasture.

Herman P. Sablan
San Vicente, Saipan

Where's the advertisement, the awarding, and the actual contracts?

According to the *Marianas Variety* on May 8, 2014, *The (Lottery) Commission yesterday also approved the hiring of the companies that responded to separate requests for proposals for casino resort development consultant and law enforcement review investigator. It hired California-based B2G Global Strategies to assist the commission in investigating the background of the applicant, and the Florida-based Innovation Group to review the applicant's business and development plans and strategies.*

B2G is an international consulting firm specializing in a wide range of services including private investigations, background screening, security consulting, policy guidance and strategic solutions for the business sector and government entities in the U.S., Latin America, Europe and Asia. The Innovation Group is the premier provider of consulting and management services for the gaming, hospitality, leisure and entertainment industries.

Igisomar said they approached the Federal Bureau of Investigation which informed them which organizations could do the specific tasks.

"We did our due diligence on this. First, we had our DPS commissioner and the counsel work with the FBI and get their references and learn the best way to go about this," he said.

The companies, he said, "are legitimate in the sense that they can accomplish what we are looking for. We picked the right individuals."

I was at the presentation on Monday that these two companies made. Right down the line, Best Sunshine. I asked B2G if they investigated the financials of the parent companies, and could I get a copy of the results and Mr. Gomez said "no." I asked Mr. Soll from The Innovation Group if they actually visited the banks and verified that the signature and letter promising financing for the two applicants were authentic. He said "no" also. So, we spent $400,000 with these two experts and they didn't even verify the most important item in any business venture—money. They apparently are satisfied that Best Sunshine was supposed to win so why do all that extra work. As expected, Best Sunshine came in first by a huge margin.

I asked around, I looked all around, over and under the Web, I went to the Attorney General's Office's website and found the last entry was 1.5 years ago and it doesn't even have a phone number to call, but nowhere can I find the original announcement, a list of responders, minutes to choose the best candidate, or an actual copy of the contracts for these two investigators.

This administration, and all administrations that were here before, just love secrecy and you, yes you, the voting majority, just keep letting them keep you in the dark. Good citizens of the CNMI, wake up! To all you little "Stalins" out there, this is the CNMI, not Russia in the 1930s and to all you that want me to shut up, well, sorry, I have a grandson and a granddaughter that are NMDs, so it ain't gonna happen. All concerned citizens should should participate in your government.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

A just sentence for my daughter

May I appeal for a just sentence for my daughter, please!

On July 7, 2014, in the *Saipan Tribune*, I read "Ex-convict gets 18 months sentence for vicious attack" and this prompted me to compare this case with my daughter's.

On one hand, you have here an ex-convict who committed a vicious attack, repeatedly punching a man and causing the victim to lose consciousness. Yet he still continued beating the unconscious person mercilessly. The government made a deal with him and dropped all the charges in two separate criminal cases as part of the deal. This person got only 18 *months*!

On the other hand, you have here a mother of five, who has never violated the law, who protected herself as best as she could while facing a life-threatening attack by a violent man with whom she—to her grief—has had a love-hate relationship. Government prosecutors pushed for the most severe punishment. The judge didn't go into the history of what had happened and punished her in the heaviest way—20 *years*! Even the victim guy's forgiveness and his requests not to punish her severely did not help!

Please compare: ex-convict whom the government's favors got 18 *months*. A mother of five, no previous violation of the law, government pushed for a severe as possible punishment, 20 *years*. Simplifying even more: MONTHS versus YEARS!

I am elderly, a regular *Man'amko* Center-goer. I have no knowledge of laws and no money to spend for justice to take place. But I feel this with all my guts: Something is very wrong! I ask the powers-that-be, people of heart and compassion, to please help my daughter get a comparatively just sentence and not let our society go downward. My email address is bibbamanamko@gmail.com.

Teddy Guiao
Navy Hill, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°

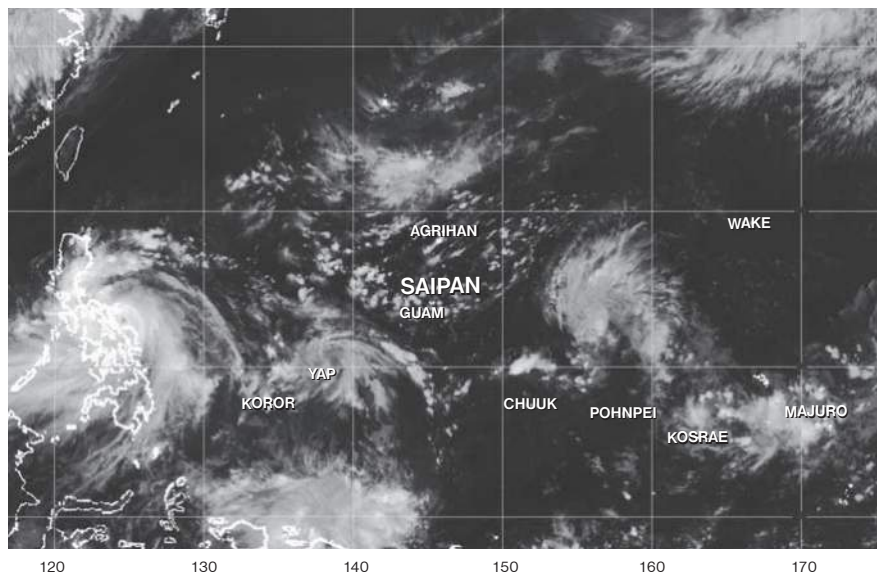
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲83	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲80	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲55	▼45
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲98	▼73
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼81
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼75
London	Sunny	▲80	▼61
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲82	▼64
Manila	Rain	▲80	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88	▼77
New York	Thundershowers	▲85	▼71
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼74
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲80	▼65
Pusan	Thunderstorms	▲75	▼71
Rome	Sunny	▲88	▼70
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲95	▼59
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼70
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼74
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲90	▼68

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends east-southeastward from Typhoon Rammasun at 13N125E across 12N130E to a disturbance centered just northeast of Yap at 10N139E then tapers off southeastward to end near 1N148E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are west of a line from 12N131E to 8N131E and across Yap state between 13N and 8N from 137E to 142E and south of Koror along the equator south of a line from 3N130E to 3N137E to 2N144E. A surface trough extends northeastward from near Chuuk at 8N151E to end near 15N158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north and east of Pohnpei are within 125 miles of a line from 14N155E to 12N160E and within 75 miles of a line from 14N155E to 7N161E. A tropical disturbance is centered just east of Kosrae at 6N166E with a trough curving east-northeastward across Majuro to beyond the date line at 12N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Marshall Islands are between 8N and 4N from 163E to 173E. Scattered showers well northeast of Majuro are east of a line from 10N174E to 15N180. Low-level convergence just north of the Mariana Islands is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 25N and 22N from 140E to 151E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
10:55 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:49 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:03 PM	9:29 AM
Thursday	10:49 PM	10:27 AM
Friday	11:34 PM	11:24 AM
Saturday		12:19 PM
Sunday	12:20 AM	1:13 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
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UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Business

Emerging nations plan their own World Bank, IMF

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fed up with U.S. dominance of the global financial system, five emerging market powers this week will launch their own versions of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa—the so-called BRICS countries—are seeking "alternatives to the existing world order," said Harold Trinkunas, director of the Latin America Initiative at the Brookings Institution.

At a summit Tuesday through Thursday in Brazil, the five countries will unveil a $100 billion fund to fight financial crises, their version of the IMF. They will also launch a World Bank alternative, a new bank that will make loans for infrastructure projects across the developing world.

The five countries will invest equally in the lender, tentatively called the New Development Bank. Other countries may join later.

AP

In this Sept. 5, 2013 file photo, from left, Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff gestures to then Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Russia's President Vladimir Putin, China's President Xi Jinping and South African President Jacob Zuma, as they gather for a group photo after a BRICS leaders' meeting at the G-20 Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The BRICS powers are still jousting over the location of the bank's headquarters—Shanghai, Moscow, New Delhi or Johannesburg. The headquarters skirmish is part of a larger struggle to keep China, the world's second-biggest economy, from dominating the new bank the way the United States has dominated the World Bank.

The bloc comprises countries with vastly different economies, foreign policy aims and political systems—from India's raucous democracy to China's one-party state.

Whatever their differences, the BRICS countries have a shared desire for a bigger voice in global economic policy. Each has had painful experiences with Western financial dominance: They've contended with economic sanctions imposed by Western powers. Or they've been forced to make painful budget cuts and meet other strict conditions to qualify for emergency IMF loans.

Now, says Thomas Wright, a fellow at Brookings' Project on International Order and Strategy, "they want a safety net if they fall out with the West."

Developing countries have also been frustrated because the U.S. Congress has refused to approve legislation providing extra money to help the IMF make more loans to countries in trouble. The money is part of a broader reform program that would give China and other developing countries more voting power at the IMF.

US companies look overseas for tax bill relief

A growing number of U.S. companies are looking to trim their tax bills by combining operations with foreign businesses in a trend that may eventually cost the federal government billions of dollars in revenue.

Generic drugmaker Mylan Inc. said Monday it will become part of a new company organized in the Netherlands in a $5.3 billion deal to acquire some of Abbott Laboratories' generic-drugs business. The deal is expected to lower Mylan's tax rate to about 20 percent to 21 percent in the first full year and to the high teens after that.

The Canonsburg, Pennsylvania-company's deal follows a path explored by several other U.S. drugmakers in recent months. AbbVie Inc. has entered talks with Shire Plc. over a roughly $53.68 billion deal that would lead to a lower tax rate and a company organized on the British island of Jersey.

But drugmakers aren't the only companies looking overseas for better tax deals.

Last month, U.S. medical device maker Medtronic Inc. said that it had agreed to buy Ireland-based competitor Covidien for $42.9 billion in cash and stock. The combined company would have executive offices in Ireland, which has a 12.5 percent corporate income tax rate. And drugstore chain Walgreen Co.—which bills itself as "America's premier pharmacy"—also is considering a similar move with Swiss health and beauty retailer Alliance Boots.

AP

This June 4, 2014 photo shows a Walgreens retail store in Boston.

These tax-lowering overseas deals, which are called inversions, have raised concerns among some U.S. lawmakers over the potential for lost tax revenue. But business experts say U.S. companies that find the right deal have to consider inversions due to the heavy tax burden they face back home.

At 35 percent, the United States offers the highest corporate income tax rate in the industrialized world. By contrast, the European Union has an average tax rate of 21 percent, said Donald Goldman, a professor at Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business. ***(AP)***

Citigroup to pay $7B in subprime mortgages probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—Citigroup has agreed to pay $7 billion to settle a federal investigation into its handling of risky subprime mortgages, admitting to a pattern of deception that Attorney General Eric Holder said "shattered lives" and contributed to the worst financial crisis in decades, the Justice Department said Monday.

The settlement represents a moment of reckoning for one of the country's biggest and most significant banks, which is now accountable for providing some financial support to Americans whose lives were dismantled by the largest economic meltdown since the Great Depression.

In addition to a $4 billion civil penalty being paid to the federal government, the bank will also pay $2.5 billion in consumer relief in part to help borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure and about $500 million to settle claims from state attorneys general and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The agreement does not preclude the possibility of criminal prosecutions for the bank or individual employees in the future, Holder said.

The $7 billion settlement, which represents about half of Citigroup's $13.7 billion profit last year, is the latest substantial penalty sought for a bank or mortgage company at the epicenter of the housing crisis. The Justice Department, criticized for not being aggressive enough in targeting financial misconduct, has in the last year reached a $13 billion deal with JPMorgan Chase & Co., the nation's largest bank, and also sued Bank of America Corp. for misleading investors in its sale of mortgage-linked securities.

Yet the settlement packages pale in size compared to the broader damages caused by the Great Recession. The unemployment rate spiked to 10 percent as millions lost their jobs and their homes, causing losses that totaled in the trillions of dollars. Public advocacy groups criticized the settlement as a sweetheart deal.

"In the context of the damage done, the damage even described by the attorney general, we're not even in the same ballpark," said Bartlett Naylor, a financial policy advocate for Public Citizen, which represents consumer interests.

The settlement stems from the sale of toxic securities made up of subprime mortgages, which led to both the housing boom and bust that triggered the Great Recession at the end of 2007. Banks, including Citigroup, minimized the risks of subprime mortgages when packaging and selling them to mutual funds, investment trusts and pensions, as well as other banks and investors.

Message of Appreciation

There are no words that seem adequate enough
to say thank you to everyone who expressed their sympathy
during the loss of our beloved

†Iseula M. Borja

Your thoughts, prayers, love and support have tremendously helped ease the pain. Your kindness has touched us all.

To all of you who were by our side during the Celebration of her new life, we thank you very much from our hearts and we will forever remember you in our prayers.

Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Fa'afetai,
Sulang and Kommol Tata
The Family

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LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
12,943.36	1,376.51	2,965.90
34.66	3.73	23.29
+0.27%	+0.27%	+0.79%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.0665	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7508	Philippine Peso	43.6144
British Pound	0.5858	Indian Rupee	60.216	Singapore Dollar	1.2435
Canadian Dollar	1.0732	Indonesian Rupiah	11733	South Korean Won	1027.95
Chinese Yuan	6.2105	Japanese Yen	101.5852	Swiss Franc	0.8924
Euro	0.7346	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1818	Taiwan Dollar	29.9875
		New Zealand Dollar	1.1369	Thailand Baht	32.18

Nation

Bill would speed removals of Central American kids

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two Texas lawmakers announced legislation Monday to speed removals of tens of thousands of Central American kids from the U.S.-Mexico border, as Washington searched for a solution to the growing crisis.

The bill by Sen. John Cornyn, a Republican, and Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Democrat, would allow U.S. Border Patrol agents to turn many of the kids around quickly at the border. Under current law, the youths stay here while awaiting an eventual hearing in the backlogged immigration court system, something that can keep them in this country for years.

Of more than 57,000 unaccompanied minors who've arrived at the border since October, only 1,254 had been returned home as of the end of June, according to a law enforcement official who spoke anonymously to discuss confidential data.

"The border region in Texas has been overwhelmed over the past few months by a deluge of undocumented immigrants from Central America," Cuellar said in a statement. "Today's legislation strengthens current law protecting unaccompanied children and responds to the crisis."

The bill comes as the White House is trying to get Congress to sign off on a $3.7 billion emergency spending request to deal with the situation at the border by adding more immigration judges and detention facilities, among other steps.

Republicans have made clear they won't agree to such spending without policy changes along the lines of what Cornyn and Cuellar are seeking, and the White House has indicated support for some such changes. But immigrant advocacy groups and key Senate Democrats are opposed, making it unclear if a deal can be struck in the three weeks that remain before Congress leaves Washington for its annual August recess.

Administration officials were to travel to Capitol Hill on Wednesday to brief senators on the situation, and House members were to hear from lawmakers who traveled to Central America over the weekend as part of a working group convened by Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus, which strongly opposes legal changes to return kids more quickly to dangerous and unstable situations, announced a meeting with President Barack Obama over the crisis.

Meanwhile U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced that the first flight returning Central American families back home landed in Honduras Monday with 40 people on board who'd been held in a new detention facility in Artesia, New Mexico.

The Cornyn-Cuellar bill would amend a 2008 law passed to address victims of sex trafficking. That legislation guaranteed protections to unaccompanied youths arriving here from "noncontiguous" countries—anywhere except Mexico or Canada. The existing law requires such youths to be turned over to the custody of the Health and Human Services Department within 72 hours, and from there they are generally placed with family members or others while awaiting a long-distant court hearing they may never attend.

Sidewalk memorial honors New Jersey cop killer

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP)—A day after a rookie police officer was gunned down in an ambush, mourners came to pay their respects at a makeshift memorial with candles, balloons, empty liquor bottles and messages of love from friends scrawled on T-shirts taped to a brick wall—to his killer.

"Rest easy," "Thug in peace" and "See u on the other side" were among the things friends wrote to Lawrence Campbell, who police say ambushed Officer Melvin Santiago early Sunday as he responded to an armed robbery call at a 24/7 pharmacy. Other officers returned fire, killing Campbell.

Visitors to the memorial would not give their names to The Associated Press. But Barbara Jones, Campbell's neighbor, told The Jersey Journey that the Campbell she knew was nothing like the man city officials say was lying in wait for officers to arrive before opening fire.

"He was a good man. He looked out for everybody on the block," Jones told the newspaper.

Angelique Campbell, Campbell's widow, told News 12 New Jersey on Sunday that she was sorry for Santiago's family but that her husband should have killed more officers if they were planning to kill him. She later apologized for the comments.

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A pedestrian stands at a memorial to Lawrence Campbell, who allegedly shot and killed 23-year-old Jersey City police officer Melvin Santiago, Monday, July 14, 2014, in Jersey City, N.J.

City officials lashed out that some residents were grieving for the suspect instead of the rookie officer.

Mayor Steven Fulop called Angelique Campbell's comments "ignorant" and "disgusting." Police Director James Shea said they weren't representative of the city or even of Campbell's neighborhood in southwest Jersey City, where the majority of shootings in the city take place and where distrust of police is as much a staple as boarded-up houses and groups of young men hanging out on street corners at midday.

"I firmly believe that the people who made the ignorant comments on the TV and the people who put up a memorial to a cowardly murderer who shot somebody in the head without giving him a chance are not representative of the people who live up there," Shea said.

"We know that because our officers interact with them every day. There is a minority of criminals that makes their job dangerous, but there is a large population up there that they are proud to serve."

A temporary memorial to the slain officer—significantly smaller than the one for Campbell—was set up outside the Walgreens where he was killed, drawing mourners as the store reopened Monday.

Crime remains an issue, even as the town on the Hudson River across from Manhattan has seen economic improvement and gentrification. Campbell's neighborhood—and the Walgreens less than a mile away—is the other Jersey City, the one far away from downtown and its glittering waterfront, gleaming office towers and artisanal taco shops.

Lightning survivor has no memory of deadly strike

DENVER (AP)—Justin Teilhet doesn't remember hearing a boom or feeling a sting, just waking up numb on the treeless tundra high in Rocky Mountain National Park and discovering his good friend was trying to revive his wife.

It was a lightning bolt, he learned later, and it killed his wife and left him with a burn on his shoulder and scrapes on his face when he was knocked to the ground unconscious.

Lightning killed two people last weekend in the popular park, where summer storms can close in quickly with deadly results.

Both lightning strikes last weekend hit exposed areas with little cover near the heavily traveled Trail Ridge Road, which offers 360-degree views of snow-covered mountains, forested canyons and alpine lakes. The park, about 65 miles northwest of Denver, draws around 3 million people a year, and numerous signs warn visitors of lightning danger and rapidly changing weather.

Rebecca Teilhet, 42, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, was killed Friday while hiking on the Ute Crossing Trail at about 11,400 feet above sea level. Justin Teilhet and six other hikers were injured.

One day later and a few miles away, lightning killed 52-year-old Gregory Cardwell of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, at Rainbow Curve, a pullout on Trail Ridge Road with sweeping vistas from a vantage point about 10,800 feet above sea level. Three others were hurt by that strike.

Colorado averages three deaths and 15 injuries a year from lightning and often ranks No. 2 in the nation in lightning casualties, behind Florida, said Bob Glancy, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Boulder.

"Part of that is because Colorado is a great place to be outside," he said. The terrain and weather also are factors. The mountain profile and summer weather patterns create frequent thunderstorms over the Front Range, which includes Rocky Mountain National Park.

Teilhet, his wife and his friend Nick Tertel of Fort Collins, Colorado, were in a line of hikers hustling back to the trailhead parking lot on Trail Ridge Road as the weather changed.

"A storm blew in, and it came very fast," Teilhet said Monday from his home in Ohio. "It started raining a little bit. We were hearing claps of thunder everywhere, but it there wasn't any lightning."

The next thing he remembers is struggling to lift his body from the ground, with one side numb.

"I was walking, and then I was trying to stand up," he said, with no memory of anything in between.

"When I found Nick trying to revive my wife, I crawled to them and tried to help."

Tertel also was injured but gave Rebecca Teilhet CPR and kept her alive until paramedics arrived, Justin Teilhet said.

"He really was a hero at that event," Teilhet said.

Park officials said a helicopter was dispatched but Rebecca Teilhet died at the scene.

Tertel declined to comment. Cardwell's family didn't immediately return a phone call.

Teilhet and Cardwell were the first people killed by lightning in the park since a climber died on Longs Peak in 2000, officials said. A woman was injured by lightning last year.

Park officials don't close Trail Ridge Road because of lightning, saying that would be impractical.

Teilhet said he saw one of the advisories about lightning at the trailhead.

"When you see a sign warning you about lightning, you just sort of file it away with the things you already know are dangerous," he said.

Teilhet doesn't think the National Park Service could or should have done anything more, and he praised the staff's response.

ACROSS THE NATION

Missing pregnant woman's ex indicted

HONOLULU (AP)—The ex-boyfriend of a Maui woman who was five months pregnant when she disappeared in February has been indicted on charges of killing her and torching her SUV to cover up the crime. Steven Capobianco, 24, was expected to be served with an arrest warrant Monday at Maui Community Correctional Center, where he has been held since last month in an unrelated case, said a person familiar with the investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity. The person wasn't authorized to talk publicly about the case. A Maui grand jury on Friday indicted Capobianco on a second-degree murder charge in the death of 27-year-old Carly Scott, who has never been found.

Guardsman kills 2 people, self in northern Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—An Army National Guardsman left a suicide note in his northern Utah home before killing a college student and one other person early Monday, then fatally shooting himself at another home, authorities said. Jared Tolman, 23, wrote that he was sorry, and that what he was about to do was selfish, said Logan Police Lt. Rod Peterson. He is reported to have sent a series of unanswered text messages to Mackenzie Madden before he kicked down the door of her apartment two blocks from Utah State University shortly after midnight. He then fired an assault rifle multiple times at Madden and a 25-year-old man, both people he knew, police said.

Officials: Gasoline caused mystery odor in homes

SKIPPACK, Pa. (AP)—Gasoline-tainted groundwater caused the mysterious smell that led to a voluntary evacuation of more than 150 homes in suburban Philadelphia, authorities said Monday. The noxious odor primarily affected three townhouses in Skippack after contaminated water got into the sump pumps, officials said. Firefighters were flushing those pumps with fresh water and airing out the homes with fans on Monday evening. "We're relieved and hopeful that what they're doing will fix it," said resident Kourtnay Loughin, who called 911 about the "very, very unpleasant" smell on Sunday evening.

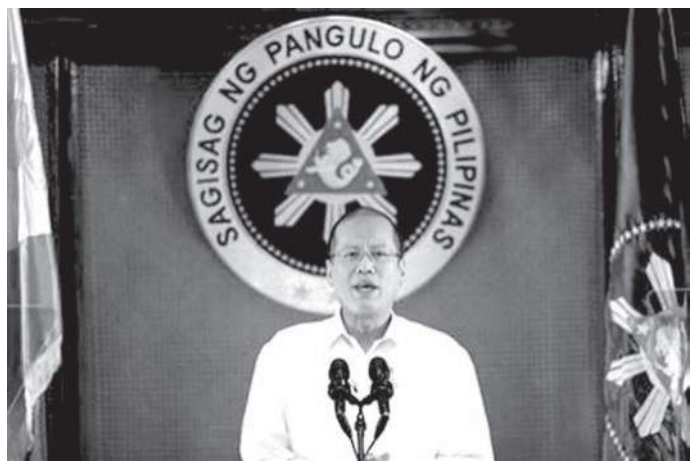
Asia

Philippine leader, high court clash on funds use

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Benigno Aquino III said Monday that his administration would appeal a Supreme Court decision that declared his government's enforcement of a major economic stimulus program partly unconstitutional.

Aquino said in a nationally televised address that such decisions by the high court served to hamper his efforts to pursue reforms after succeeding a president whose administration was tainted with corruption scandals and abuse.

The 15-member court's ruling this month has put Aquino on the defensive. Aquino, the son of revered pro-democracy icons, won the presidency by a wide margin in 2010 on a promise to rid his Southeast Asian nation of corruption and widespread poverty among its 97 million people.



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Philippine President Benigno Aquino III addresses the nation in a live broadcast from the Presidential Palace in Manila, Philippines Monday, July 14, 2014.

Aquino said Monday that under the Disbursement Acceleration Program, which was enforced from 2011 to last year, government savings and non-allotted revenues were used to provide electricity to remote villages, build schools and finance other projects. He stressed that the funds were not stolen as alleged by critics.

"To the Supreme Court, our message: Do not bar us from doing what we swore to do. Shouldn't you be siding with us in pushing for reform?" Aquino said.

"We do not want two equal branches of government to go head to head," he said. But, he added, "We find it difficult to understand your decision."

Left-wing activists protested in Manila as Aquino spoke, threatening to seek his impeachment for violating the constitution. Rep. Neri Colmenares, a vocal Aquino critic, said the president's defense of his stimulus program "is a declaration of war with the Supreme Court." Two new surveys showed Aquino's popularity has dipped amid the criticisms but his aides said they expected the president's rating to bounce back as the government starts to defend its spending program.

Archbishop Socrates Villegas, head of the influential Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, rejected any insinuations that the reformist Aquino benefited from government funds. "I don't think anyone can accuse the president of being corrupt," Villegas told ABS-CBN television network.

The high tribunal ruled early this month that Aquino and his officials violated the Constitution when they funded projects outside the Congress-approved annual budget.

Aquino used the Executive branch's financial savings to augment the funding of other offices outside that branch of government, the court said. Excess, non-allotted funds were withdrawn from some government agencies and were declared as savings even before the end of a fiscal year, the court added.

Aquino, however, said the court failed to take into account the legal basis that his government used in appropriating revenue savings for projects in one government branch to another.

He said the funds used in his program were different from the Priority Development Assistance Fund—government development and anti-poverty money allocated to pet projects of lawmakers which the Supreme Court has struck down as unconstitutional.

Three powerful senators have been indicted on charges of receiving huge kickbacks from the anti-poverty funds. They have denied any wrongdoing, but have been detained by police while awaiting trial.

Copter crash kills 2 Cambodian military generals

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Two generals who led the helicopter unit of Cambodia's air force were killed in a crash Monday, along with two pilots, police said. Defense Minister Tea Banh, who rushed to the crash site in a muddy pond south of the capital, said a fifth person on the chopper was seriously injured.

Gen. Um Phy, deputy chief of staff of Cambodia's air force, confirmed the casualty count and said the aircraft was a Chinese-made Z-9 helicopter. Authorities had previously said five people were killed.

It was not immediately clear what caused the accident, which police said was a training mission for new pilots.

Two of the dead men were a major general and a brigadier general, Phnom Penh Deputy Police Chief Chuon Narin said. An incident report filed by police at the scene said the generals were the head and deputy head of the helicopter unit, and the other two men were pilots. Military officials confirmed the men's ranks, but not their positions. The survivor was not identified.

The chopper went down about 10 kilometers (6 miles) south of Phnom Penh, sinking in a rain-filled excavated rice field surrounded by rural land and other fields. Defense Ministry Secretary of State Moeung Samphan said 300 military personnel were sent to take part in the recovery operation. By evening, all four bodies had been recovered, said Um Phy.

The main part of the helicopter's fuselage, whose cabin could be seen badly mangled in photographs from the local DAP news agency as it was lifted by a winch, was also retrieved and taken to air force headquarters for inspection, he said.

Cambodia last year took delivery of 12 of the Z-9 helicopters, a licensed version of France's Eurocopter AS365 Dauphin that can carry nine passengers in addition to a pilot. The aircraft were purchased with a $195 million loan made to Cambodia in 2011 by China, the closest ally of the small Southeast Asian nation.

The helicopters were meant to replace a small fleet of aging Soviet-made transport helicopters. The deal with China was made as Cambodia was engaged in intermittent border warfare with neighboring Thailand, but it was unclear if any were fitted as attack helicopters, which would be the first ever in Cambodia's arsenal. Cambodia has a strong disadvantage in air power compared to larger neighbors Thailand and Vietnam.

Chhay Bunna, chief of police at Phnom Penh's nearby international airport, said the flight was a training mission for new pilots. Tea Banh said the area where the crash took place has been used for training for several years without any previous accidents.

AP

Soldiers load an aft section of a helicopter retrieved from a pond following its crash in Prey Sar village at the outskirt of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Monday, July 14, 2014.

Philippines braces for floods, slides from typhoon

AP

Filipino fishermen check on their boat that are docked on top of piles of garbage as they prepare for a coming storm along a coastal village in Navotas, north of Manila, Philippines on Monday, July 14, 2014.

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A tropical storm strengthened into a typhoon Tuesday as it hurtled toward the northeastern Philippines, prompting disaster-response authorities to evacuate thousands of people from villages prone to floods and landslides.

Typhoon Rammasun, packing winds of 120 kilometers (75 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 150 kph (93 mph), was expected to smash into land later Tuesday in Albay or Sorsogon provinces, where thousands of residents have moved from their villages to emergency shelters.

Schools suspended classes in several cities, including in the capital, Manila, in the typhoon's expected path and about 50 domestic flights and four international flights have been cancelled due to bad weather.

Albay, about 340 kilometers (212 miles) southeast of Manila, is a disaster-prone province where mudslides from Mayon, the country's most active volcano, buried villages in 2006 and left about 1,600 people dead and missing.

By Tuesday morning the typhoon was 180 kilometers (112 miles) east of Albay's coastal Legazpi city, government weather forecaster Rene Paciente said, adding it may blow across or near the densely populated capital Wednesday morning.

Alexander Pama, executive director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, said rescue teams have been positioned near disaster-prone regions, along with packs of food and medicine, army trucks and ambulance vans.

More than 4,000 ferry passengers and more than 50 vessels have been stranded in ports, where coast guard officials warned them from venturing into the seas.

The first impact from Rammasun is expected to be felt in metropolitan Manila late Tuesday, then it is forecast to blow across or near the flood-prone capital of 12 million people before passing through rice-growing northern provinces before starting to move into the South China Sea late Wednesday, forecasters said.

Storms are common in the Philippines, and the central provinces have not fully recovered from the massive devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan last November. Haiyan's strong winds and tsunami-like storm surges flattened towns, leaving at least 6,300 people dead and more than 1,000 missing.

World

Egypt proposes cease-fire between Israel, Hamas

JERUSALEM (AP)—Egypt presented a cease-fire plan Monday to end a week of heavy fighting between Israel and Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip that has left at least 185 people dead, and both sides said they were seriously considering the proposal.

The late-night offer by Egypt marked the first sign of a breakthrough in international efforts to end the conflict.

Hamas' top leader in Gaza confirmed there was "diplomatic movement," while Israel's policy-making Security Cabinet was set to discuss the proposal early Tuesday. Arab foreign ministers discussed the plan Monday night at an emergency meeting in Cairo, and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was expected in the region Tuesday.

Egypt's Foreign Ministry announced the three-step plan starting at 9 a.m. (0600 GMT, 2 a.m. EDT) with a cease-fire to go into effect within 12 hours of "unconditional acceptance" by the two sides. That would be followed by the opening of Gaza's border crossings and talks in Cairo between the sides within two days, according to the statement.

Gaza's crossings should be opened for people and goods "once the security situation becomes stable," according to a copy of the proposal obtained by The Associated Press.

President Barack Obama praised Egypt's proposal, telling Muslim-Americans that he's hopeful the plan can restore calm.

"We're going to continue to do everything we can to facilitate a return to the 2012 cease-fire," Obama said at a White House dinner Monday night celebrating the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. "We are encouraged that Egypt has made a proposal to accomplish that goal."

Israel launched the offensive July 8, saying it was a response to weeks of heavy rocket fire out of Hamas-ruled Gaza. The Health Ministry in Gaza said 185 people, including dozens of civilians, have been killed, and more than 1,000 people wounded.

There have been no Israelis killed, although several have been wounded by rocket shrapnel, including two sisters, ages 11 and 13, who were seriously hurt Monday. Ahead of the Egyptian announcement, there appeared to be no slowdown in the fighting, with Hamas for the first time launching an unmanned drone into Israeli airspace that was shot down.

The Israeli military said 3 rockets were fired at the southern city of Eilat early Tuesday morning, lightly injuring two people and sparking a fire. The military said it did not immediately know who was behind the rocket fire. Previous rocket attacks on Eilat were from radical Islamic militants in the neighboring Sinai Peninsula.

The violence followed the kidnappings and killings of three Israeli teenagers in the West Bank last month, as well as the subsequent kidnapping and killing of a Palestinian teenager in an apparent revenge attack, along with Israeli raids against Hamas militants and infrastructure in the West Bank.

Israeli officials have said the goal of the military campaign is to restore quiet to Israel's south, which has absorbed hundreds of rocket strikes, and that any cease-fire would have to include guarantees of an extended period of calm.

Hamas officials say they will not accept "calm for calm." The group is demanding an easing of an Israeli-Egyptian blockade that has ground Gaza's economy to a standstill and that Israel release dozens of prisoners who were arrested in a recent West Bank crackdown following the abductions of the Israeli youths.

With the death toll mounting, both sides have come under increasing international pressure to halt the fighting.

Ebola crisis in West Africa deepens; 500-plus dead

DAKAR, Senegal (AP)—Deep in the forests of southern Guinea, the first victims fell ill with high fevers. People assumed it was the perennial killer malaria and had no reason to fear touching the bodies, as is the custom in traditional funerals.

Some desperate relatives brought their loved ones to the distant capital in search of better medical care, unknowingly spreading what ultimately was discovered to be Ebola, one of the world's most deadly diseases.

Ebola, a hemorrhagic fever that can cause its victims to bleed from the ears and nose, had never before been seen in this part of West Africa where medical clinics are few and far between. The disease has turned up in at least two other countries—Liberia and Sierra Leone—and 539 deaths have been attributed to the outbreak that is now the largest on record.

AP

In this photo taken on July 8, 2014, Ebola advocacy group Crusaders for Peace, spokesperson Juli Endee, right, educates people on the deadly virus in Paynesville, east of the city Monrovia, Liberia.

The key to halting Ebola is isolating the sick, but fear and panic have sent some patients into hiding, complicating efforts to stop its spread. Ebola has reached the capitals of all three countries, and the World Health Organization reported 44 new cases including 21 deaths on Friday.

There has been "a gross misjudgment across the board in gauging the severity and scale of damage the current Ebola outbreak can unleash," the aid group Plan International warned earlier this month.

"There are no cases from outside Africa to date. The threat of it spreading though is very much there," said Dr. Unni Krishnan, head of disaster preparedness and response for the aid group.

Preachers are calling for divine intervention, and panicked residents in remote areas have on multiple occasions attacked the very health workers sent to help them. In one town in Sierra Leone, residents partially burned down a treatment center over fears that the drugs given to victims were actually causing the disease.

Activists are trying to spread awareness in the countryside where literacy is low, even through a song penned about Ebola.

"It has no cure, but it can be prevented; let us fight it together. Let's protect ourselves, our families and our nation," sings the chorus.

"Do not touch people with the signs of Ebola," sings musician and activist Juli Endee. "Don't eat bush meat. Don't play with monkey and baboons. Plums that bats have bitten or half-eaten, don't eat them."

Guinea first notified WHO about the emergence of Ebola in March and soon after cases were reported in neighboring Liberia. Two months later there were hopes that the outbreak was waning, but then people began falling ill in Sierra Leone.

Brazil's upside-down Cup: Bad on field, good off

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—For Brazil, it was the upside-down World Cup.

Brazilians lost at what they were certain they would win—soccer—and won where so many expected failure—organization.

For years, the country's government has endured grueling criticism from FIFA over severely delayed stadiums. Leaders rode out a wave of protests last year over billions spent on the tournament despite poor public services. Foreign tabloids warned fans of man-eating snakes and violence, while domestic newspapers grilled officials over every imaginable aspect of Cup preparations.

Many serious doubts remain: about corruption related to World Cup works; whether the country will see economic benefits from hosting the games; and whether dozens of infrastructure projects promised as the biggest legacy of the event will ever be completed.

But there is no question that the goal of giving the world a smoothly run, exuberant sporting spectacle surpassed all expectations.

"I think it's been awesome," said Scott Zapczysky, a 39-year-old jiu jitsu instructor from Michigan, as he took in the final match at the Fan Fest on Copacabana beach Sunday night. "I thought it was going to be an enormous disaster, to be honest. But it looks good. I think people are really happy."

Brazilians would disagree with him on one point: They were crushed by their team's historic 7-1 loss in the semifinals, followed by a 3-0 drubbing in the consolation game.

AP

A fireworks display is seen over the Maracana stadium after the soccer World Cup final match between Argentina and Germany, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, July 13, 2014.

Still, President Dilma Rousseff took clear delight in the Cup's success, and in handing her critics a plate of humble pie.

Speaking to a group of foreign journalists on the eve of the tournament's close, she said she had never seen an event that faced such intense scrutiny.

"Well," she said, "we've eliminated the doubts of all who didn't believe in us."

Rousseff also said the success of the Cup gives the country confidence in its ability to pull off its next mega-event, the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio.

For Eliane Cantanhede, a Brazilian political commentator known for penetratingly humorous observations in the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper, the event "truly surprised everybody."

"The whole world thought the Cup would be full of problems—and it was a success," she said. "And everybody thought that Brazil's team would win the Cup—and it was a disaster. It was a double surprise!"

WORLD BRIEFS

Church of England says yes to women bishops

LONDON (AP)—The Church of England ended one of its longest and most divisive disputes Monday with an overwhelming vote in favor of allowing women to become bishops. The church's national assembly, known as the General Synod, voted for the historic measure, reaching the required two-thirds majority in each of its three different houses. In total, 351 members of the three houses approved of the move. Only 72 voted against and 10 abstained. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said the long-awaited change marks the completion of a process that started more than 20 years ago with the ordination of women as priests. He called for tolerance and love for those traditionalists who disagree with the decision. "As delighted as I am for the outcome of this vote I am also mindful of whose within the church for whom the result will be difficult and a cause of sorrow," he said in a statement.

Shipwrecked Concordia floated for tow to Genoa

GIGLIO, Italy (AP)—The shipwrecked Costa Concordia was successfully refloated Monday in preparation to be towed away for scrapping, 30 months after it struck a reef and capsized, killing 32 people. Authorities expressed satisfaction that the operation to float the Concordia from an underwater platform had proceeded without a hitch. Technicians later shifted the massive cruise ship some 30 meters (yards) before ending the day's operations. "Another day, and the worst is over," said the head of the salvage operation, Nick Sloane. The entire operation to remove the Concordia from the reef and float it to Genoa, where it will be scrapped, will cost a total of 1.5 billion euros ($2 billion), Costa Crociere SpA CEO Michael Tamm told reporters.

Focus

US jails struggle with role as makeshift asylums

AP
In this June 26, 2014 photo, a U.S. veteran with post-traumatic stress sits in a segregated holding pen at the Cook County Jail after he was arrested on a narcotics charge in Chicago.

By ADAM GELLER
AP NATIONAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP)—Peering through the chain link of a holding pen at the Cook County Jail, a man wrapped in a navy varsity jacket leans toward clinical social worker Elli Petacque Montgomery, his bulging eyes a clue that something's not right.

"They say I got bipolar, that's all," he says.

"OK, are you taking your meds?" she asks.

"When I can get them," he answers.

"I'm down here every day," Montgomery says. "Every morning I hear this."

The Chicago jail and many of its 3,300 counterparts across the country have become treatment centers of last resort for people with serious mental illnesses, most arrested for non-violent crimes. And like other jails, it is awash in a tide of booking and releases that make it particularly unsuited for the task.

U.S. jails, most of whose 731,000 inmates are trying to make bail or awaiting trial, hold roughly half the number in prisons. But last year, jails booked in 11.7 million people—19 times the number of new prison inmates. The revolving door complicates the task of screening for mental illness, managing medications, providing care and ensuring inmate safety.

"Jails are churning people," says Henry J. Steadman, a consultant to government agencies on how courts and correctional facilities deal with people with mental illnesses.

Experts have pointed to rising numbers of inmates with mental illnesses since the 1970s, after states began closing psychiatric hospitals without following through on promises to create and sustain comprehensive community treatment programs.

But as the number of those with serious mental illnesses surpasses 20 percent in some jails, many have struggled to keep up, sometimes putting inmates in jeopardy.

The Associated Press has reported that at least nine of the 11 suicides in New York City jails over the past five years came after operators failed to follow safeguards designed to prevent self-harm by inmates. The AP's investigation into the deaths of two mentally ill inmates at the city's Rikers Island complex—one who essentially baked to death in a 101-degree cell in February and the other who sexually mutilated himself last fall—have prompted promises of reform.

Federal law protects the rights of people in jails and other institutions. But in temporary holding facilities, dealing with serious, long-term mental illnesses requires operators to rethink what they do, Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart says.

"You're given a court order by a judge to hold this person in the jail until you're told not to," Dart says. "You're not supposed to do anything other than feed him, give them a bed, make sure they don't harm anyone else or themselves. ... You're not in there trying to cure people."

Many jails are dealing with similar dynamics, with sometimes disturbing results.

¾ In June, federal officials cited "deplorable" conditions for mentally ill inmates in the Los Angeles County jails as partly to blame for 15 suicides in 30 months. The L.A. system, the country's largest with 19,000 inmates, has been under federal supervision since 2002, but still fails to adequately supervise inmates "with clearly demonstrated needs," the Justice Department concluded.

¾ In Pensacola, Florida, Justice officials last year issued a scathing report about conditions at the Escambia County Jail. Records showed many inmates who requested care were never seen by a mental health professional. When inmates refused to take medications, the jail merely removed them from its list of those with a mental illness.

¾ In Columbus, Nebraska—seat of a county of 33,000—six Platte County Detention Center inmates attempted suicide early this year, as many as in the previous 10 years combined. Jon Zavadil, the recently retired sheriff, says about 80 percent of all inmates medicated for some type of mental illness.

"Every county jail in the state has the same problem," says Zavadil, who blames Nebraska lawmakers for voting to close two of the state's three public psychiatric hospitals over the past decade.

Researchers long warned mental illness was being "criminalized," as police arrested more people for low-level offenses.

In the 1980s, researchers found about 6 percent of inmates showed signs of serious mental illness. A survey published in 2009 found 17 percent of jail inmates with serious mental illnesses. Individual jails report far greater numbers.

Today, many of those jailed with mental illnesses have grown up in a system full of holes.

"Even what we had when I started doing this work in 1988 was better than what we have now," says Nancy Koenigsberg, legal director for Disability Rights New Mexico, which helped bring suit against her state's Dona Ana County Detention Center in 2010 for mistreating mentally ill inmates.

But while the jail has since increased its mental health staff, New Mexico cities and counties have continued closing drop-in centers and other programs to that help maintain treatment. Many people wind up repeatedly picked up for relatively minor crimes.

At the Volusia County Detention Center in Daytona Beach, Florida, administrators compiled a list of such "frequent flyers." The 19 worst had been collectively jailed 894 times, mostly for minor offenses. Nearly half had a history of mental illness.

"A lot of their behavior was low level," says Marilyn Ford, the county's corrections director. "So they cycle through in a fairly short period of time and they never make it to prison."

Chicago's jail can offer an island of stability for inmates with mental illnesses, Dart says. In coming months, Dart plans to convert a former boot camp into a transition center to help those with mental illnesses after release.

'You're given a court order to hold this person in the jail until you're told not to. You're not supposed to do anything other than feed him, give them a bed, make sure they don't harm anyone else or themselves. ...You're not in there trying to cure people.'

But William, a 62-year-old inmate who says he's been jailed nine or 10 times for theft to support a drug habit, is doubtful. Many judges dismiss mental illness as a factor in crimes, says the inmate, diagnosed with depression, anxiety and symptoms of bipolar disorder. Outside jail, treatment is hard to get.

"Once we leave here," he says, "we're back on doom street."

Campus Life

Palau college sponsors climate change workshop

A footlocker workshop on climate change was hosted at the Kedarm Conference Room of the Palau International Coral Reef Center from June 25, 2014 to June 27, 2014. Participating in the workshop were the science faculty from the College of the Marshall Islands, Northern Marianas College, the College of Micronesia-FSM, and Palau Community College.

Training was provided by Dr. Robert Richmond, director of the Kewalo Marine Lab of the University of Hawaii and president of the International Society off Reef Studies, and Dr. Ron Dunbar, professor of Earth Science at Stanford University and Senior Fellow for the Center of Ocean Solutions.

During the training at PICRC, participants were exposed to issues faced by the Pacific region due to climate change such as mass coral bleaching caused by elevated sea surface temperatures, the rise of sea level, and reduced coral reef growth rate tied to ocean acidification.

The workshop provided training for the conduct of studies related to the climate change issues. Also included was a footlocker case full of necessary tools for each represented institution. Tools included five Hobo Temperature & Light Sensors, one Hobo Waterproof Shuttle, five Calcium Carbonate Unites, or CAUs, provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, hardware for the CAUs, a pilot climate change curriculum, and a memory card full of information related to ocean acidification.

The Climate Change Science Footlocker Workshop was sponsored by the National Science Foundation's Partnership for Advance Marine & Environmental Science Training and Palau Community College. The NSF-ATE is a program that aims to produce culturally-connected Pacific islanders specifically trained to serve their home islands in natural resource assessment, protection, and restoration.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Group photo of workshop participants with Palau Community College president Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and associate dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Tamau.

The program is also designed to improve the technical education at the undergraduate and secondary school levels through community colleges of the Pacific islands by supporting regionally relevant curriculum development, professional development of faculty, internship/field experience (of instructors and students), and strengthening the scientific infrastructure of participating institutions. ***(PCC)***

Survey: Rapes not investigated at 2 in 5 colleges

WASHINGTON (AP)—A survey of colleges and universities finds a lack of coordination between many campuses and local law enforcement in handling sexual assaults, and that many schools have gone years without investigating such cases.

About 40 percent of colleges and universities reported not having conducted a sexual assault investigation in the past five years, including 6 percent of the nation's largest public institutions. More than 20 percent of large, private schools conducted fewer investigations than the number of incidents reported to the Education Department.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., a former prosecutor whose office conducted the survey, said parents and taxpayers should be concerned about the number of investigations.

"On first blush, a parent would think that's good, they don't have a problem with sexual assault on their campus, but it's not good, it's very bad because that means they are either in denial or incompetent," McCaskill said.

Federal law requires every institution that knows about a sexual violence incident to investigate, she noted. She said schools should investigate even if the end result is that the victim isn't participating and there's no corroboration. Under some estimates, 1 in 5 college females is assaulted.

The prevalence of sexual assaults on college campuses took on new focus in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky case at Penn State and after a high-profile battle on Capitol Hill about military sexual assault led college campus assault victims to demand the same attention.

Meanwhile, the Education Department and a White House task force on campus sexual assault have taken a series of steps to draw attention to the treatment of sexual assault victims and force campuses to address the problem.

In Congress, McCaskill is part of a group of senators exploring ways to address the issue legislatively. She said the survey was needed so they had a better grasp of how campuses handle such cases.

McCaskill said the senators are looking at ways to empower victims, simplify laws and rules colleges and universities follow and find ways that campuses and local authorities can better coordinate. She chairs a subcommittee with jurisdiction over Title IX, which prohibits gender discrimination at institutions receiving federal funds.

Ada Meloy, general counsel of the American Council on Education, which represents college presidents, said if victims want to maintain confidentiality, it is "extremely difficult to conduct an investigation." She said many college officials want to work more with local authorities, but local authorities are hesitant to take such cases because they are difficult to successfully prosecute.

Meloy said her organization is disappointed by the report and says it fails to describe how hard colleges and universities are working to address the problem under a complex and confusing set of federal guidelines and laws.

About 40 percent of schools said they have sworn law enforcement officers on campus, while many others have private security and about half rely on local authorities. Thirty percent said campus police and security guards aren't required by law or institutional policy to be trained to respond to reports of sexual violence.

Only about a quarter of the schools said they have written protocols between campus and local authorities for handling such cases.

Most schools said they use a "team" response to reports of sexual assault, but only about a quarter incorporate the local prosecutor's office on the team.

Among the other findings:

■ More than 20 percent of respondents provide no sexual assault training for all faculty and staff.

■ More than 30 percent of schools do not provide sexual assault training for students.

■ About half of the participating colleges and universities do not provide a hotline for sexual assault victims.

■ About 16 percent of respondents conduct "climate surveys" to gauge the number of such cases that are going unreported.

■ About 10 percent said they don't have a Title IX coordinator.

"Many institutions continually violate the law and fail to follow best practices in how they handle sexual violence," McCaskill said.

The findings come from a survey of 440 four-year colleges and universities of different sizes with 236 colleges and universities responding. Participating schools weren't named.

9 public college presidents' pay tops $1 million

BALTIMORE (AP)—The number of public college presidents earning over $1 million more than doubled in the 2012-2013 fiscal year from the year before, according to a new survey.

The Chronicle of Higher Education study found that nine college presidents earned more than $1 million in total compensation in 2013, compared to just four in 2012.

Public college presidents first exceeded the $1 million total compensation mark in 2006-2007, according to the survey.

Gordon Gee topped the list, earning $6.1 million as the head of Ohio State University. Gee resigned that post last year after making comments about Roman Catholics, the University of Notre Dame and Southeastern Conference schools. He is now president of West Virginia University.

The study took into account base salary, bonuses, retirement, severance and deferred pay—an incentive offered to presidents who stay in their positions for an agreed-upon period of time.

Four of the college presidents on the top 10 list have retired. Two others have accepted positions at other universities.

The top 10 earners in the fiscal year 2012-2013 were:

■ Gordon Gee, president of the West Virginia University

Gee's compensation total is based on payments he received at the Ohio State University, from which he resigned in June of 2013 after six years as president. Gee earned $6.1 million in 2013, which includes $3.3 million in deferred pay and $1.55 in retirement and severance pay.

■ Bowen Loftin, president of Texas A&M University at College Station

Loftin earned $1.6 million, and resigned from his position in January after three years. He now serves as chancellor of the University of Missouri. Loftin's $425,000 base salary did not change from 2012 to 2013, however in 2013 Loftin was paid $950,000 in severance and retirement pay.

■ Hamid Shirvani, president of North Dakota University system

Shirvani earned roughly $1.3 million in 2013. He retired in June 2013, after less than a year in his position overseeing the 11-campus system. He was paid $962,095 in severance and retirement pay—more than double his $349,000 base salary.

■ Renu Khator, University of Houston main campus

Khator earned roughly $1.26 million in 2013. She has served in the position since 2008. Nearly 45 percent of Khator's total compensation comes from bonus pay and deferred pay on top of her $700,000 base salary.

■ Sally Mason, University of Iowa

Mason earned roughly $1.14 million in 2013, and has served in her position since 2007. More than half of her total compensation is made up of deferred pay on top of her $493,272 base salary.

■ Michael McRobbie, Indiana University at Bloomington

McRobbie earned approximately $1.1 million in 2013, and has served as the university's president since 2007. McRobbie earned $567,076 in deferred pay, bonuses and other benefits, and $544,848 in base pay.

■ Michael Adams, University of Georgia

Adams earned about $1.1 million in 2013, and retired from his position in July. His base pay for the year was $258,760; the vast majority of his total compensation is made up of deferred pay.

■ Gordon Moulton, University of South Alabama

Moulton earned about $1.1 million in 2013. Moulton retired in January 2013, and died in September. Moulton earned $666,046 in severance and retirement pay, on top of his $406,075 base salary.

■ Mary Sue Coleman, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Coleman earned about $1 million in 2013 and has served as president since 2002. On top of her $603,357, Coleman earned $200,000 in bonus pay and $234,000 in deferred pay and retirement pay.

■ Mark Yudof, University of California system

Mark Yudof, the only top-earning president whose compensation is shy of $1 million, served as president from 2008 until September of 2013, when he retired. Yudof's total compensation accounts for Yudof's base pay of $591,084 and $266,000 in retirement pay.

Life & Style

For Archie fans, character's death makes an impact

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AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For the fans of Archie Andrews, his impending death marks a fitting end for the famous comic book do-gooder.

The 73-year-old red-headed character will die in Wednesday's installment of "Life with Archie" when he intervenes in an assassination attempt on senator Kevin Keller, Archie Comics' first openly gay character who is pushing for more gun control in Riverdale. Archie's death—but not the circumstances—was first announced in April and will mark the conclusion of the series that focuses on grown-up renditions of Archie and his pals.

"Not to be too grandiose, but this demise is a fitting and tonally perfect tribute to a character who has always put his friends first," said Chris Cummins, who writes about comic culture for DenOfGeek.us. "This is a publicity stunt for sure, but one with heart that will have permanent ramifications."

Archie's final moments will be detailed in "Life with Archie" No. 36, while issue No. 37 will jump forward a year and focus on Riverdale honoring the legacy of their freckle-faced pal, who first appeared in comics in 1941 and went on to become a colorful icon of Americana and wholesomeness. Other incarnations of Archie will continue to live on in other Archie Comics series.

"We wanted to not only grab people's attention but really show the heroic nature of the character," said Archie Comics publishers and co-CEO Jon Goldwater. "He's willing to literally die to save his friend, Kevin. Archie would have died to save any of his friends. I think Archie would've even died to save a stranger."

In recent years, deaths of high-profile comic book characters like Peter "Spider-Man" Parker and Steve "Captain America" Rogers have made headlines and garnered intense reaction from fans. Goldwater notes Archie's passing goes beyond that with a lesson about gun violence and a declaration of diversity in the new age of Archie Comics.

"Archie is not a superhero like all the rest of the comic book characters," said Goldwater. "He's human. He's a person. When you wound him, he bleeds. He knows that. If anything, I think his death is more impactful because of that. We hope by showing how something so violent can happen to Archie, that we can—in some way—learn from him."

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This image provided by Archie Comics shows Archie in his final moments of life in the comic book, "Life with Archie," issue 37.

Kevin first joined Veronica Lodge, Betty Cooper, Jughead Jones and Reggie Mantle in Archie Comics in 2010. He later appeared in his own solo title. In "Life with Archie," he's a married military veteran and newly elected senator who's pushing for the gun control after his husband was involved in a shooting.

While the original comic book series starring Archie began as an innocent look at a group of pals at Riverdale High School, Archie Comics has in recent years strived to appeal to modern sensibilities with "Life with Archie," a more socially relevant spin-off aimed at long-time adult Archie fans. Over the past four years, "Life with Archie" plots have involved Kevin's marriage, the death of long-time teacher Ms. Grundy and Archie's love interest, Cheryl Blossom, tackling breast cancer and affordable health care.

Archie Comics similarly launched a horror spin-off series last year called "Afterlife with Archie" that envisions a zombie outbreak coming to Riverdale and recently enlisted "Girls" creator and star Lena Dunham to write a four-part Archie story set for release next year that chronicles the production of a reality TV show in Riverdale.

Andrew Wheeler, who writes about the comic book industry at ComicsAlliance.com, praised the way that Archie will be killed off. He wrote on Monday that "Archie's sacrifice isn't just a moment of heroism; it offers an unambiguous condemnation of America's lax gun laws" and said that it's "not surprising to see Archie Comics tackling such a serious issue" because the publisher "doesn't shy away from risky ideas."

Who shot Archie? Goldwater isn't spoiling the killer, only teasing it's a stalker who wanted to take Kevin down.

Nadine Gordimer, Nobel laureate, activist, dies

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Nadine Gordimer was first a writer of fiction and a defender of creativity and expression. But as a white South African who hated apartheid's dehumanization of blacks, she was also a determined political activist in the struggle to end white minority rule in her country.

Gordimer, who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1991 for novels that explored the complex relationships and human cost of racial conflict in apartheid-era South Africa, died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Johannesburg on Sunday. She was 90 years old. Her son Hugo and daughter Oriane were with her at the time, Gordimer's family said in a statement Monday.

The author wrote 15 novels as well as several volumes of short stories, non-fiction and other works, and was published in 40 languages around the world, according to the family.

"She cared most deeply about South Africa, its culture, its people, and its ongoing struggle to realize its new democracy," the family said. Her "proudest days" included winning the Nobel prize and testifying in the 1980s on behalf of a group of anti-apartheid activists who had been accused of treason, they said.

Per Wastberg, an author and member of the Nobel Prize-awarding Swedish Academy, said Gordimer's descriptions of the different faces of racism told the world about South Africa during apartheid.

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This is a Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006 file photo of Nobel Prize-winning author Nadine Gordimer, of South Africa, as she listens to a question during a news conference on the Guadalajara International Book Fair at Guadalajara's Expo in Mexico.

"She concentrated on individuals, she portrayed humans of all kinds," said Wastberg, a close friend. "Many South African authors and artists went into exile, but she felt she had to be a witness to what was going on and also lend her voice to the black, silenced authors."

Gordimer struggled with arthritis and rheumatism but seemed to be in good spirits when they last spoke three weeks ago, he said.

"Our country has lost an unmatched literary giant whose life's work was our mirror and an unending quest for humanity," South Africa's ruling party, the African National Congress, said in a statement.

Prof. Adam Habib, vice-chancellor and principal of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, described Gordimer as a "revered intellect."

During apartheid, Gordimer praised Nelson Mandela, the prisoner who later became president, and accepted the decision of the main anti-apartheid movement to use violence against South Africa's white-led government.

"Having lived here for 65 years," she said, "I am well aware for how long black people refrained from violence. We white people are responsible for it."

Gordimer grew up in Springs town, the daughter of Jewish immigrants from Britain and Lithuania. She began writing at age 9, and kept writing well into her 80s.

She said her first "adult story," published in a literary magazine when she was 15, grew out of her reaction as a young child to watching the casual humiliation of blacks. She recalled blacks being barred from touching clothes before buying in shops in her hometown, and police searching the maid's quarters at the Gordimer home for alcohol, which blacks were not allowed to possess.

That "began to make me think about the way we lived, and why we lived like that, and who were we," she said in a 2006 interview for the Nobel organization.

In the same interview, she bristled at the suggestion that confronting the human cost of apartheid made her a writer.

"If you're going to be a writer, you can make the death of canary important," said Gordimer, a small and elegant figure. "You can connect it to the whole chain of life, and the mystery of life. To me, what is the purpose of life? It is really to explain the mystery of life."

She said she resisted autobiography, asserting that journalistic research played no part in her creative process.

"Telling Times," a 2010 collection of her nonfiction writing dating to 1950, offers some glimpses of her own experience. She wrote in a 1963 essay of a meeting with a poet giving her an idea of a life beyond her small home town and her then aimless existence.

Gordimer's first novel, "The Lying Days," appeared in 1953, and she acknowledged that it had autobiographical elements. A New York Times reviewer compared it to Alan Paton's "Cry the Beloved Country," saying Gordimer's work "is the longer, the richer, intellectually the more exciting."

She won the Booker Prize in 1974 for "The Conservationist," a novel about a white South African who loses everything.

Among Gordimer's best-known novels is "Burger's Daughter," which appeared in 1979, three years after the Soweto student uprising brought the brutality of apartheid to the world's attention.

Some readers believe the family at its center is that of Bram Fischer, a lawyer who broke with his conservative Afrikaner roots to embrace socialism and fight apartheid. The story is salted with real events and names—including Fischer's. The main character is a young woman on the periphery of a famous family who must come to terms with her legacy and her homeland.

Her 1987 novel, "A Sport of Nature," prophesized the end of apartheid and included a liberation leader based on Mandela.

"Gordimer writes with intense immediacy about the extremely complicated personal and social relationships in her environment," the Nobel committee said on awarding the literature prize in 1991.

In her Nobel acceptance speech, Gordimer said that as a young artist, she agonized that she was cut off from "the world of ideas" by the isolation of apartheid. But she came to understand "that what we had to do to find the world was to enter our own world fully, first. We had to enter through the tragedy of our own particular place."

After the first all-race election in 1994, Gordimer wrote about the efforts of South Africa's new democracy to grapple with its racist legacy. She remained politically engaged, praising South Africa for the progress it had made, but expressing concern about alleged backsliding on freedom of expression.

"People died for our freedoms," Gordimer, who had had works banned by the apartheid government, told The Associated Press in a 2010 interview. "People spent years and years in prison, from the great Nelson Mandela down through many others."

Stars are safer because of actress' murder

LOS ANGELES (AP)—They've shown up in Selena Gomez's guest house, outside Halle Berry's kitchen door and inside Sandra Bullock's home, despite gates, tall fences and guards meant to keep the stars safe.

Celebrity stalkers continue to be one of stardom's most troubling downsides. Many instances involve serious cases of mental illness, making it difficult for private security, police and prosecutors to anticipate those intent on harassing and possibly harming some of the entertainment industry's biggest names.

Yet today's celebrities have greater protections from stalkers due in large part to the murder 25 years ago of actress-model Rebecca Schaeffer.

At 21-years-old, Schaeffer was shot to death at the door of her Los Angeles apartment on July 19, 1989, by obsessed fan Robert Bardo. The Arizona native, who had written Schaeffer letters and tried to meet her at a studio where she worked, tracked the "My Sister Sam" actress down after paying a private investigator to obtain her home address from state motor vehicle records.

Bardo remains in prison, serving a life sentence without possibility of parole.

The legacy of Schaeffer's death is evident multiple times a year in Los Angeles courtrooms when celebrities such as Madonna, Steven Spielberg, Ryan Seacrest, Paris Hilton and others become stalking victims.

Protections created after Schaeffer's death include laws that make stalking a crime, restrictions on public access to address information from driving records in California, and a specialized Los Angeles police unit that works with prosecutors, celebrity attorneys and security details to keep obsessed fans a safe distance away. Criminal penalties for stalking have also been adopted in other states.

The protections don't eliminate the various ways celebrity stalkers can torment their victims, from unsolicited love letters to threatening tweets, break-ins and kidnapping plots. But they can eventually put a stop to the threats.

Stalkers can make celebrities "a prisoner," said Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Wendy Segall, who has prosecuted celebrity stalking cases for the past six years. "They never know when this person is going to show up."

Many of Segall's cases end with stalking convictions and sentences that require the defendant to get psychological counseling. The sentences, Segall said, allow stalking victims to again feel safer.

Men who stalked Gomez and Berry have been convicted and ordered to undergo psychological counseling. Joshua Corbett, who was arrested last month after breaking in to Bullock's home, has pleaded not guilty and remains in a Los Angeles jail. A search of Corbett's home turned up an arsenal of illegal firearms, including machine guns, although he did not have any weapons at the time of his arrest.

In felony stalking cases, victims can obtain a 10-year restraining order—far longer than the three-year stay-away order that can be obtained from a civil judge.

"Arrest and conviction is only one part. It's not a solution. We recognize that intervention is really what we're going for," said Chuck Tobin, the president of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, a 1,200 member organization of law enforcement and private security officers who protect celebrities, politicians and other dignitaries.

Tobin said the Los Angeles Police Department's Threat Management Unit has been a leader in the field. Detectives in the unit routinely testify against suspected stalkers in criminal and civil courts, and are increasingly searching social media and online sites for evidence of stalking.

Retired Los Angeles Police Detective Paul Coulter's first homicide case was investigating Schaeffer's death and retracing her killer's steps.

Coulter said authorities knew of the problem with the release of driving records before Schaeffer's death, because an obsessed fan had stabbed and seriously injured actress Theresa Saldana years earlier. Yet it wasn't until Schaeffer's death that policies changed.

He said it was up to policymakers to determine if more changes are needed now, with celebrity access, including home addresses, increasingly available online. The veteran detective is fairly certain however that no matter what deterrents are in place, some people will continue to develop unhealthy obsessions with the famous.

"I don't think it's ever going to change," Coulter said. "You're always going to have people fascinated with the celebrities."

The Internet may have made sending messages to celebrities easier, but stars have long had to contend with unsavory contact, including a 1949 case in which three obscene letters were sent to Elizabeth Taylor, then 17. Despite painstaking comparisons with other threatening letters, no suspect was ever identified, according to FBI files, although in 1952 a man was arrested on suspicion of harassing Taylor and falsely identifying himself as an FBI agent.

In the 21st century, stalkers' use of the Internet for harassing stars can leave digital fingerprints used by authorities and private security investigators to track suspects and strengthen cases against them.

Coulter said just as laws improved celebrity safety after Schaeffer's death, stars will learn how to use social media without putting themselves in danger. "It's just a new problem that they have to deal with," he said.

AP

In this 1987 file image, Rebecca Schaeffer, who played Patti on CBS TV's "My Sister Sam," poses in a publicity photo.

New bride Edelstein takes on 'Guide to Divorce'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Lisa Edelstein, the star of Bravo's new "Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce," is in a far happier place in her personal life.

The former "House" star said she was married the day before she moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, to begin working on the scripted series about a marriage dissolving.

But even her new relationship carries the tinge of divorce: Edelstein said she met her husband a short time after he and his wife split.

Despite the accompanying sadness, "we have this beautiful relationship," the actress told the TV critics' summer meeting Monday. She and artist Robert Russell married in May.

The hourlong series, which is inspired by the "Girlfriends' Guide" books by Vicki Iovine and combines comedy and drama, is steered by executive producer Marti Noxon. It's Bravo's first original scripted series and debuts in December.

Noxon had her own experience with divorce—she said she'd just received a call from her business manager that she had paid her last alimony installment—but said the show is not autobiographical.

"I wanted to write about sexual politics," including the unequal balance of power when the spouse who earns the family's money and has public visibility is the wife.

Edelstein said the show is more about relationships than divorce, including the one her character has with the husband who's apparently destined to be her ex as the series unfolds.

He's played by Paul Adelstein, with whom Edelstein said she felt an immediate connection. The two bantered about the fact it likely stemmed from their nearly identical surnames.

"We're from the same shtetl," joked Edelstein, using the Yiddish term for the small villages with large Jewish populations once found in Eastern Europe.

'This photo released by Twentieth Century Fox & Reel FX shows a scene from producer Guillermo del Toro and director Jorge Gutierrez's animated feature film comedy, "Book of Life."

AP

New film 'Book of Life' animates Day of the Dead

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Guillermo del Toro is helping to open the "Book of Life."

The Oscar winner is producing the animated feature by first-time director Jorge Gutierrez, and joined him at Fox Studios on Monday to unveil footage from the film, set for release in October.

"Book of Life" is rich with imagery from Mexican folklore, with a special emphasis on the Day of the Dead, the food- and music-filled celebration of the annual return of the spirits of deceased loved ones.

Del Toro said he was moved by Gutierrez's emotional, visual and narrative connection to Mexico.

"It was a huge nostalgia," del Toro said, "a very painful and beautiful nostalgia that made me say I'm going to protect this project and celebrate this guy."

It helped that Gutierrez presented his ideas and illustrations over "a trunk of tequila," the filmmaker said.

"Book of Life" centers on two best friends angling for the girl of their dreams, not realizing that otherworldly powers have a stake in the outcome. The leaders of the underworlds, the Land of the Remembered and the Land of the Forgotten, make a wager on which lover the girl will choose.

Zoe Saldana, Channing Tatum and Diego Luna lead the voice cast. The film also features ranchera interpretations of popular songs by Mumford & Sons, Radiohead, Rod Stewart and others. Oscar-winning composer Gustavo Santaolalla provides the score.

The approach to music and animation is unique, del Toro said. "It's enchanting and gorgeous in a way that is not the cookie-cutter way," he said.

Colorful sugar skulls- the traditional Day of the Dead treat—inform the fantastical look of the Land of the Remembered. Other Mexican folk arts, like handcrafted wooden dolls, are represented in the film's everyday world.

"I'm not supporting a movie that is going to look like every other movie, that's going to sound like every other movie," del Toro said, adding that he tries to specialize in producing first-time filmmakers to add to the diversity of voices in cinema. "Every time we did something unique, I felt very proud of him. He's like my love child without the love."

Vieira looks to connect with viewers on new show

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Meredith Vieira is looking to connect.

"Authenticity," she said, "is the key word" for what she hopes to bring to her new daytime talk show, "The Meredith Vieira Show," which premieres in syndication Sept. 8.

Speaking of the daytime audience, she said, "They want real, and they want to connect with somebody. They feel a connective tissue (with daytime personalities) that I don't think you find other times of the day.

"That's the power of television," she added—"you can do so much to help people."

Speaking to reporters on Monday at the summer TV critics' gathering, Vieira said she'll tape at NBC headquarters at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, also home to such programs as "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," "Late Night with Seth Meyers" and "Saturday Night Live." She said she'd welcome drop-ins from any stars from those shows who might be roaming the halls.

AP

Meredith Vieira attends the NBC 2014 Summer TCA held at the Beverly Hotel on Sunday, July 13, 2014, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

She'll have a house band led by Everett Bradley, a percussionist with the E Street Band.

And her set will be an exact replica of her own living room—"I want people to feel they're coming into my house"—with an easy chair actually lifted from her home.

"It's a little like me," she said of that chair. "It's a little worn-in, but it's been loved."

The 60-year-old Vieira presides over her own daytime talk show after accumulating a varied resume including "60 Minutes," the "Today" show, "The View" and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."

She acknowledged that the syndicated-talk world can be treacherous, as evidenced by the ratings flameout after just two seasons of the show hosted by her "Today" predecessor, Katie Couric. Speaking of her own upcoming venture, she said, "If it fails, I'm not gonna die. But I'm hoping for the best."

Tupac Shakur musical to close Sunday on Broadway

NEW YORK (AP)—Tupac Shakur fans, keep ya head up: The Broadway musical "Holler If Ya Hear Me" that uses songs from one of hip-hop's greatest artists is closing after less than two months.

Producers said late Monday that the show will close Sunday at the Palace Theatre after playing just 17 previews and 38 regular performances. Producer Eric L. Gold in a statement cited "the financial burdens of Broadway" as the reason.

The show was in financial trouble from the moment it debuted in early June. Last week, it managed to pull in only $155,000 from a potential of $917,000—or less than 17 percent. Discounting had left the average ticket price at $38.44, easily Broadway's cheapest seat.

It stars slam poet and singer Saul Williams as a recently sprung inmate hoping to stay out of trouble, and Christopher Jackson as his buddy, whose need for familial revenge threatens more violence in their unnamed Midwestern city.

It features over 20 Shakur songs, including "Holler If Ya Hear Me," "California Love," "I Get Around," "Thugz Mansion," "Keep Ya Head Up," "Dear Mama," "Me Against the World," "Unconditional Love" and "Hail Mary." The rapper's mother, Afeni Shakur, was a producer of the show.

Nick's 'Sam & Cat' gone after less than season

NEW YORK (AP)—With Ariana Grande hitting it big in the music world this summer, her time as a star on children's television is about to become history.

Nickelodeon announced Monday that "Sam & Cat," which at times was the network's most popular series after debuting just last summer, will air its last original episode Thursday.

Grande, whose single "Problems" has sold 2.3 million tracks, co-starred on the series with another longtime Nickelodeon personality, Jennette McCurdy.

"We are very proud of the show and its very talented cast, and we wish them all the best," Nickelodeon said.

It's unusual for a network to end a highly rated series so quickly. After an initial order of 20 episodes, Nick doubled it to 40. But the series shut down production this spring, four episodes short of a full order amid published reports of turmoil on the set and a falling out between Grande and McCurdy.

AP

In this publicity image released by Nickelodeon, Jennette McCurdy, portrays Sam, left, and Ariana Grande, portrays Cat from the Nickelodeon series "Sam & Cat."

Representatives for the actresses did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Nickelodeon would not comment on why production was cut short. Its executives said that both stars had reached 21 and were anxious to move on in their careers.

While Grande's musical career was taking off, some racy pictures of McCurdy surfaced online.

The creator of "Sam & Cat," Dan Schneider, is making a new series for Nick, titled "Henry Danger." It's scheduled to premiere in the fall.

Actress Kruger jumps for joy over World Cup win

NEW YORK (AP)—German-born actress Diane Kruger says watching Sunday's World Cup final she couldn't eat, drink or sit down the entire match.

Kruger says the game was so intense. And when Germany finally beat Argentina 1-0 in overtime, she was "jumping up and down." She watched the match with friends in New York.

Kruger says that as a European, "even if you don't like soccer you like soccer."

The actress spoke Monday, promoting the new season of the "The Bridge," which airs Wednesdays on the FX Network at 10 p.m. Eastern.

She says production of "The Bridge" was actually halted during the final 10 minutes of last week's Germany-Brazil game because she didn't believe crew members who told her Germany was dominating the game. It went on to win 7-1.

AP

This July 7, 2014 photo shows German actress Diane Kruger at the LA Premiere Screening of "The Bridge" in West Hollywood, Calif.

Golden Globe producers, organizers settle lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The organization that puts on the Golden Globe Awards and the company that produces the telecast have resolved their long-standing court battle over rights to the show.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association and dick clark productions announced Monday that the 2010 lawsuit has been settled. The terms were not revealed.

The dispute arose after dick clark productions negotiated a deal to keep the Globes show on NBC through 2018. The production company claimed it has the right to work on the show as long as it airs on NBC, but the association argued that it never agreed to those terms.

The president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association says the two organizations will continue to work together. The 72nd annual Golden Globe Awards are set to be presented Jan. 11 and broadcast live on NBC.

Booklet helps nervous parents talk to their kids about sex

DEAR ABBY: Help! My daughter just turned 13, and I need to discuss the facts of life with her. I don't know where to start.

My mom told me absolutely NOTHING, and I know my daughter needs to be educated in a simple but very understandable way—especially in these times. Do you still have your booklet that gives teens answers to questions on sex? I need ideas on how to approach this.

NERVOUS MOM IN ILLINOIS

DEAR NERVOUS MOM: Because many parents find the subject of sex embarrassing, they postpone discussing it with their children. When "the talk" finally happens, it is often too late. Their child's head is filled with information received from contemporaries, and often what they've heard is inaccurate.

Today, children are maturing years earlier than they did a generation ago. It's not unusual to hear about teens engaging in adult activities at much younger ages than teens of earlier generations. That is why it's so important for parents (and guardians) to begin discussions about alcohol, drugs and family values well before their children start experimenting. My booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know," was written to help parents break the ice and get the conversation going. It can be ordered by sending your name and address plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. You should review it before starting the discussion so you can prepare beforehand to answer questions or guide the conversation. My booklet provides answers to frequently asked questions, such as: How old must a girl be before she can get pregnant? Can she get pregnant the first time she has sex? What time of the month is a girl 100 percent safe? How old must a boy be before he can father a child?

Another important topic is how to avoid date rape and what to do if it happens. Included is information on contraception and sexually transmitted diseases (and how to recognize them). My booklet has been distributed in doctors' offices and used to promote discussion by educators and religious leaders, as well as parents like you who find it difficult to discuss these topics with their children.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently started a summer job in the fitting room of a clothing store. Customers often ask me what I think about their outfits, and the most common question is, "Does this make me look fat?" How do I answer if the outfit DOES make the woman look fat? These women want honesty, but how do I avoid sounding rude?

CONFLICTED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR CONFLICTED: Try this: "The color is great on you. Let's get it in another size and it'll be perfect. Sometimes garments have been mismarked." (It's true.)

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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Pastimes

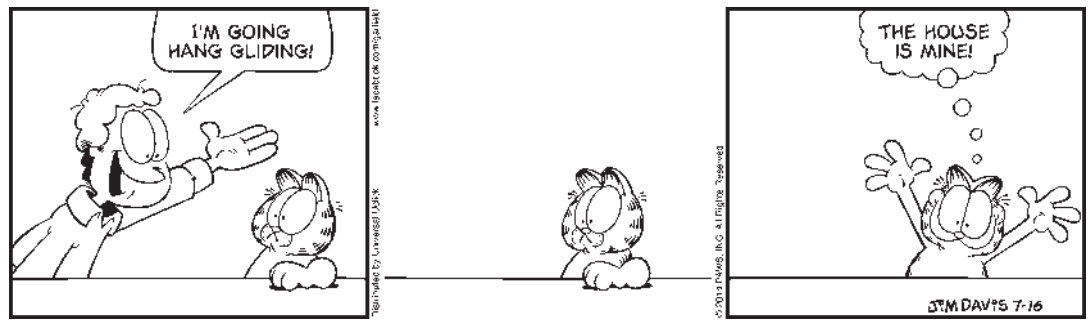
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

I GUESS IF WE GET TO HAVE SNACKS, IT WOULD BE OK TO TIME TRAVEL. IF THEY'RE GOOD SNACKS, I MEAN.
GREAT! PUT ON YOUR VORTEX GOGGLES.
THE DIAL IS SET FOR 140 MILLION YEARS AGO, SO OFF WE GOOO!
I HAVE A QUESTION. WHY DON'T WE GET YOUNGER AS WE GO BACK IN TIME, AND DISAPPEAR AS WE PASS THE DAY WE WERE BORN?
I'D EXPLAIN IT, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF MATH.
I THOUGHT YOU GOT A "D" IN MATH.

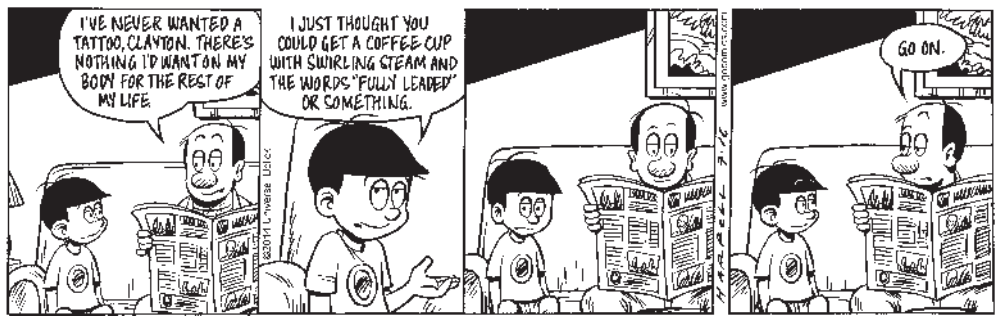
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



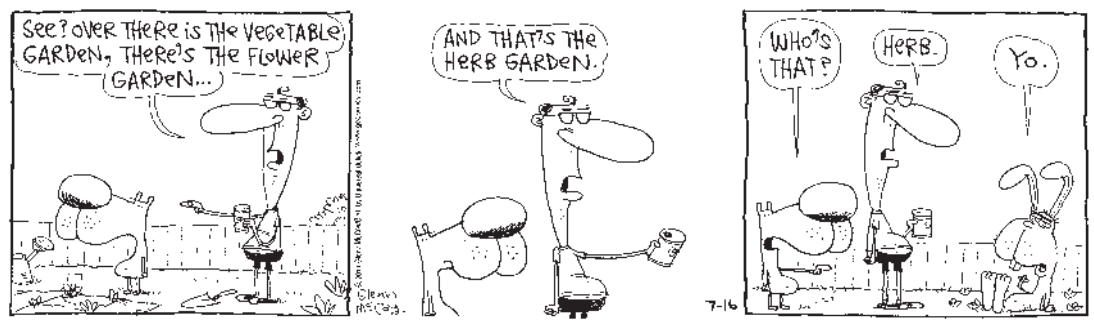
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


I'VE NEVER WANTED A TATTOO, CLAYTON. THERE'S NOTHING I'D WANT ON MY BODY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
I JUST THOUGHT YOU COULD GET A COFFEE CUP WITH SWIRLING STEAM AND THE WORDS "FULLY LOADED" OR SOMETHING.
GO ON.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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13 Inventor Whitney
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15 Easy task
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22 Leisurely
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5 Debilitates
6 Everything
7 Levees
8 Bierce or Burnside
9 Move like Michael Jackson
10 Lotion additive
11 Transmit
16 "— Only Just Begun"
20 Matterhorn, for one
23 Tavern
24 Can. neighbor
25 Pavement
27 Dah preceder
29 Whopper
30 Periodical, for short
32 Colts' siblings
34 Katharine's frequent co-star
37 Bullring bravo
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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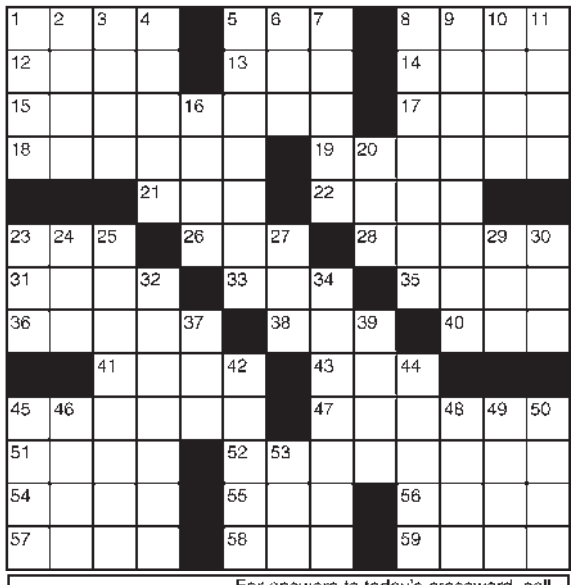
Yesterday's answer 7-16



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: AnnaLynne McCord, 27; Corey Feldman, 43; Will Ferrell, 47; Phoebe Cates, 51.

Happy Birthday: You'll opt to take the road less traveled this year. Your curiosity coupled with your vivid imagination will lead to interesting opportunities to make alterations to the way you live, work or conduct business. Happiness will be the result of doing what's right for you. Put your plans in motion and reach for the stars. Your numbers are 3, 7, 18, 23, 30, 44, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Share your thoughts with your peers, and you will come up with a viable solution regarding a situation that's been bothering you. Put romance at the top of your list. Passion is a much better way to release excess energy than anger. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Do something that helps those less fortunate, and you will feel great satisfaction and possibly meet someone who can broaden your outlook and lead you in a positive direction. Don't make changes at home or overspend on luxury items. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Be careful whom you share personal information with. Someone will give you a false impression or take advantage of you emotionally. Focus on using your skills masterfully and finishing whatever job you are given without making a fuss. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Your curiosity will lead to interesting conversations. Collaborate with someone who comes from a different background and you will come up with a plan that can lead to greater prosperity. Greater security and stability is within reach. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Spice up your life. Visit a place you've never been before. You'll learn something new that can bring you good fortune if you attend an unusual event. Help someone elderly, and you will be rewarded for your time and effort. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll attract attention if you do things differently today. Change your routine or try out an activity or hobby that interests you. You'll come up with an idea that can lead to extra cash. Settle any pending debts or legal matters. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Get busy doing things that help you look and feel good. Activities that will get you into shape or raise your awareness will also help you master a happier, more fulfilling lifestyle. It's out with the old and in with the new. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): This is the perfect day to begin something new. Use your experience and knowledge to persuade others to join you, but do not exaggerate or make promises you cannot keep. A shopping spree will lead to a bargain you cannot resist. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Make alterations at home that will add to your comfort and convenience. Don't listen to anyone pitching you an idea, product or investment that sounds too good to be true. Channel your energy into physical activities that are challenging but satisfying. ✪✪

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stay away from confrontation. Someone will want to pick a fight. Avoid anyone who is overindulgent. Focus on your investments and unique ways to bring in more cash. Strive for greater stability at work and protect your reputation. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Concentrate on your financial situation. Don't give in to anyone trying to bully you or trying to get you to do something for nothing. Stand up for your rights, and you'll gain respect. A career change looks positive. Check online job postings. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't let emotional matters limit your productivity. If there's something you want, go after it. You can improve your home and domestic life with a couple of changes that will make your place more comfortable and inviting. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inquisitive and eager to learn. You welcome adventure and experience.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/16

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

4	8	5	3	6	7	1	9	2
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Difficulty Level ★★ 7/15

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

LEARNING MANDARIN Solution: 9 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Nerves

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 07-2010

Opening date: July 07, 2014 **Closing date: July 25, 2014**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

Position: (1) ARFF Mechanic-III (Saipan)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents is no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2014.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For more information, please contact the CPA HR Administrator Ms. Rita Omar, by email at rita.omar@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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/s/MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director

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Cespedes repeats as HR derby champion

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Yoenis Cespedes knew how to pace himself in this rain-delayed home run derby, drawn out further by a new format.

The Oakland Athletics outfielder simply trusted his own strength.

Cespedes became the first repeat winner of the All-Star skills contest in 15 years, powering his way past Cincinnati's Todd Frazier 9-1 in the final round Monday night.

Ken Griffey Jr. took the title in 1998 and 1999.

With a serious, determined look on his face the whole time, Cespedes finished with 28 homers. That was four fewer than last year, when he beat Washington's Bryce Harper 9-8 in the final round.

The 28-year-old Cuban even told Athletics teammate Josh Donaldson he was doing this wrong.

''I knew he wasn't going to win because his mentality was to take the ball out of the stadium, and I told him that is not the way you win this competition,'' Cespedes said through an interpreter.

He added: ''I'm somebody who's very conscious of the power that I have. So I don't need to put more of a swing or more of an effort in order to hit a home run. I just have to look for a good pitch and put a good swing on it, and it usually takes care of it.''

Cespedes saved his best for last, a 452-foot blast to the third deck above left field that officially measured as the longest of the night. A's third base coach Mike Gallego again pitched to Cespedes, who went deep 32 times in last year's derby at Citi Field in New York. Gallego's arm looked nearly out of gas by the final round, which started after 10:30 p.m. local time.

''Maybe next year I'll put up a better showing at the end,'' Frazier said. ''Now that I understand, maybe I'll do a couple of more push-ups.''

Cespedes topped Toronto's Jose Bautista, and Frazier surprisingly beat Miami's Giancarlo Stanton in the semifinals.

Bautista and Stanton each earned a bye to the semifinals under the new bracketed format, which gave each player seven outs and pitted the survivors from each side in the final round. Bautista went deep 10 times in the first round, keeping the fans in the second deck above left field on their toes, and Stanton hit six.

That was all for him, though. After a long wait for his next turn, Stanton put up a zero in the semifinals and let Frazier advance with only one.

Oh, but Stanton's six were beauties.

One landed in the third deck above left field, about a half-dozen rows shy of the very top of the ballpark. Another reached the second deck above the center field batter's eye, a place never touched by a ball during an actual game here.

Bautista, the AL captain, has 11 home runs in 14 regular-season games here, the most by any visiting player. That's only one less than Twins cornerstone Joe Mauer, who has played 284 career games at Target Field.

Cespedes, who beat Donaldson in a tiebreaker after each finished with three in the first round, breezed by Baltimore's Adam Jones in the second round. Frazier topped NL captain Troy Tulowitzki on the other side.

Colorado's Justin Morneau, the fan favorite after 10-plus years and four All-Star games for the host Twins, was eliminated in the first round.

Morneau returned to his roots, and so did the event itself, considering the inaugural contest was held at the Metrodome before the 1985 All-Star game. Admission then was a mere $2, slightly less than the $200-and-up price tags on the derby these days. The original form was actually a 1960s-era television show, featuring sluggers like Harmon Killebrew of the Twins.

Delayed 54 minutes by light rain on an unseasonably cool night - even for Minnesota - with a start-time temperature of 59 degrees, the contest began with a rainbow protruding from the clouds beyond left-center field that framed this limestone-encased ballpark that opened in 2010.

AP

American League's Yoenis Cespedes, of the Oakland Athletics, hits during the final round of the MLB All-Star baseball Home Run Derby, Monday, July 14, 2014, in Minneapolis.

Jeter all set for last All-Star Game

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Derek Jeter was an elite shortstop winning World Series championships not long after many of baseball's current greats were born.

With the captain of the New York Yankees set to retire after the season, Jeter's 14th All-Star game will be his last. His first one as a starter in 2000 was special, as was the 2008 version at Yankee Stadium. So don't expect him to declare his final appearance his favorite, or an experience he'll find himself savoring any more than usual.

''This is a game that I've truly always looked forward to. I've appreciate the time that I've had here. So it's kind of difficult to say that I'll try to enjoy it more,'' Jeter said on Monday amid a predictably large crowd of cameras and reporters during the media interview session for the American League players.

Though the Yankees have been hovering around the .500 mark, Jeter has said many times he's only focused on chasing another championship, not gathering farewell gifts or reflecting nostalgically on his exceptional career. That part has been left up to everyone else around the game.

Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price said Jeter's final presence was what excited him the most about this year's event.

''I know the All-Star game isn't about a certain player or a certain team, but I feel like it is. This is about Derek Jeter. And the National League guys, they understand that as well,'' Price said.

For Minnesota Twins closer Glen Perkins, Jeter has been one of those ''guys you can tell your grandkids about'' pitching to.

St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright, who'll start the All-Star game for the National League on Tuesday night at Target Field, will throw his first pitch to Jeter when the 40-year-old steps to the plate as the AL leadoff man.

''I'm very excited about it, just to say I faced the best,'' Wainwright said. ''And he is undoubtedly one of the best to ever play his position.''

To Jeter's left will be second baseman Robinson Cano, who left the Yankees in the offseason and signed with the Seattle Mariners.

''I'm really happy that I'll be able to be a part of his final All-Star game and be on the same team. It's pretty amazing,'' Cano said. ''He's one of the biggest parts of my career. He was one of those guys when I first came up who was there on and off the field.''

To Jeter's right will be third baseman Josh Donaldson, who recalled a double he hit for the Oakland Athletics in his first time playing against Jeter and the Yankees in 2012.

''He was like, 'Hey, good swing, kid,'" Donaldson said. ''I was like, 'Thanks, Mr. Jeter.'"

Jeter was that wide-eyed youngster in 1998 when he appeared in his first All-Star game, in Denver.

''Cal was there and I was afraid to say anything, because it's Cal Ripken,'' Jeter said. ''Even though I'd played against him, I barely had a chance to talk to him.''

Then there was 1999, in Boston.

''They had all the great players come on the field. I got a tap on my shoulder, and it was Hank Aaron, and he said he was looking for me because he wanted to meet me. He wanted to meet me. That's something that stands out. That's one of the best moments I've had on the baseball field,'' Jeter said.

That kind of humility, instilled in him by his parents as he grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan, has compelled Jeter to strike up such conversations with his peers around the game. He spoke Monday about being happy for the players getting their first taste this week of the All-Star experience, like Yankees reliever Dellin Betances.

"You try to carry yourself the right way. I've always tried to do that,'' Jeter said. ''Then again, at the same time, I am who I am. I don't try to be any different. If people respect you for the way that you carry yourself, it means a lot to me and it means a lot to my family. It makes you feel good.''

Starter matchup: Hernandez vs Wainwright

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Seattle's Felix Hernandez will start Tuesday night's All-Star game for the American League and Adam Wainwright of the St. Louis Cardinals will open for the National League.

Hernandez, the first Venezuela pitcher to start for the All-Stars, is 11-2 with a 2.12 ERA. He is the second Seattle pitcher to start an All-Star game following Randy Johnson in 1995 and 1997.

''Just throw zeros out there and get my team to win, that's all I got to do,'' Hernandez said.

NL manager Mike Matheny of the Cardinals chose the ace of his own staff. Wainwright is 12-4 with a 1.83 ERA and three complete games in 19 starts. It will be the 11th All-Star start by a Cardinals pitcher.

''Aside from having the ability to win two World Series with the St. Louis Cardinals, I think this has to be one of the highlights of my baseball career to this point,'' Wainwright said. ''One of the coolest things I can say I did is to start a big league All-Star game.''

''It's a rare and unique opportunity,'' AL manager John Farrell of the Boston Red Sox said. ''At the same time we are able to celebrate a player who is not only a champion, but a guy that sets the bar that I think all players should aspire to. The way he has handled himself with class, with performance - no doubt a Hall of Famer.''

Wainwright is enticed by pitching to Jeter.

''I have been in the big leagues for nine years. I've never faced him,'' Wainwright said. ''I'm very excited about it, just to say I faced the best. And he is undoubtedly one of the best to ever play his position, one of the greatest Yankees of all time.''

The Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout bats second and plays left, followed by Seattle second baseman Robinson Cano, Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera, Toronto right fielder Jose Bautista, Baltimore designated hitter Nelson Cruz, Orioles center fielder Adam Jones, Oakland third baseman Josh Donaldson and Kansas City catcher Salvador Perez.

Pittsburgh center fielder Andrew McCutchen leads off for the NL, followed by Los Angeles Dodgers right fielder Yasiel Puig, Colorado shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and Arizona first baseman Paul Goldschmidt. Miami's Giancarlo Stanton will be the DH and bat fifth. He will be followed by Milwaukee third baseman Aramis Ramirez, Philadelphia second baseman Chase Utley, Milwaukee catcher Jonathan Lucroy and Brewers left fielder Carlos Gomez.

Rose, Durant lead US' 19-player roster

NEW YORK (AP)— Coach Mike Krzyzewski hopes Derrick Rose's NBA comeback begins in a USA uniform.

Even if Rose isn't ready, the Americans have plenty of talent for another run at a world championship.

Rose and four returnees from the 2012 Olympic men's basketball champions were among the 19 players selected Monday for this summer's U.S. national team roster.

Kevin Durant, Kevin Love, James Harden and Anthony Davis were the four holdovers from London, and there were new additions of Toronto's DeMar DeRozan and Chandler Parsons, who is leaving Houston for Dallas.

Players will report to training camp this month in Las Vegas, where Rose will try to show he's recovered from his latest knee surgery.

''We'd like to see him play like the Derrick of old, because he's one of the best players in the world, an MVP in the NBA,'' Krzyzewski said during a conference call. ''What we've heard is that he's in great shape.''

The rest of the roster: Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson (Golden State), Kyrie Irving (Cleveland), Blake Griffin (Clippers), Paul George (Indiana), Damian Lillard (Portland), Gordon Hayward (Utah), DeMarcus Cousins (Sacramento), Bradley Beal (Washington), Andre Drummond (Detroit), Kenneth Faried (Denver) and Kyle Korver (Atlanta).

USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said the roster could be trimmed to 15 after the camp in Las Vegas that begins July 28, with the final 12 selected before the Americans depart for the World Cup of Basketball in Spain in late August.

The Americans previously announced a 28-player pool in January, though it was planned that players such as two-time Olympic champions LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul would sit out this summer and perhaps come back at the 2016 Summer Games.

''To maintain the continuity, we need turnover in every competition so that players who aspire to represent the USA on the national team level have a real opportunity,'' Colangelo said.

Also missing from the original pool is NBA Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard of San Antonio and Portland All-Star forward LaMarcus Aldridge, who was expected to play this summer. Colangelo said Leonard wanted additional rest after the Spurs' lengthy season. He did not give a reason for the absence of Aldridge, who has pulled out in the past.

''We could only offer an opportunity and then they can either accept or not,'' Colangelo said. ''In Aldridge's case, this has happened a couple of times previously, but the bottom line is he advised us he's not available.''

The U.S. will be led by Durant, the NBA scoring champion from the Oklahoma City Thunder who was the MVP of the 2010 World Championship, which has since been renamed. Curry, Love and Rose also played on that team, the first from the U.S. to win the tournament since 1994.

But Rose has had a tough time remaining healthy since, tearing a knee ligament in the 2012 playoffs, missing the entire next season and then getting knocked out by surgery shortly after returning last season.

His chances of making the team were strengthened last week when Oklahoma City point guard Russell Westbrook withdrew from consideration to rest because of knee injuries.

''Hopefully this would be a launching pad for him for a great NBA season this upcoming year,'' Krzyzewski said of Rose.

Following the Las Vegas camp, the Americans will also train and play exhibition games in Chicago and New York before leaving for Spain.

AP

Chicago Bulls star Derrick Rose leaves the United Center after the Bulls met with NBA free agent Carmelo Anthony at the facility Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in Chicago.

Pistons land Butler, Augustin

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Pistons have agreed to deals with free agents Caron Butler and D.J. Augustin, according to a person familiar with the situation.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Sunday night because the team has not announced the deals.

The team is set to pay Butler $4.5 million next season, with an option for 2015-16. Augustin will make $6 million over two years.

Detroit has missed the playoffs the last five seasons, and the Pistons recently hired Stan Van Gundy as their new coach and team president. The first order of business this offseason has been to add some perimeter help for the team's imposing set of big men.

The 6-foot-7 Butler played 56 games last season for Milwaukee and Oklahoma City, averaging 10.5 points and shooting 39 percent from 3-point range.

Augustin was waived by Toronto early last season, but the 26-year-old point guard caught on with Chicago after that and ended up averaging 13.1 points for the season. He shot 40 percent from beyond the arc.

The Pistons have also agreed to terms with Jodie Meeks, who shot 40 percent from 3-point range with the Los Angeles Lakers last season.

Only one Detroit player in 2013-14 - Kyle Singler - shot over 34 percent from 3-point range while playing major minutes. The Pistons were unable to take advantage of big men Andre Drummond, Greg Monroe and Josh Smith because of the team's inability to produce outside the paint.

Monroe is a restricted free agent, but if he comes back, Detroit would still have an imposing frontcourt. The Pistons now have more options on the perimeter as well, with Meeks, Butler and Augustin joining holdovers Singler, Brandon Jennings, Will Bynum and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope.

Heat closes deal with 3 players

In Miami, the Heat signed free-agent forwards Josh McRoberts and Danny Granger on Monday, and brought back incumbent point guard Mario Chalmers.

All three deals were agreed to previously, but not signed until the Heat had more pieces of their salary-cap puzzle put into place. McRoberts signed a four-year deal that will pay him $5.3 million next season. Chalmers got a two-year deal that will have him earning about $4 million next season. Granger also has a two-year deal and will make just over $1 million next season.

McRoberts averaged 8.5 points, 4.8 rebounds and 4.3 assists for Charlotte last season. Heat President Pat Riley said McRoberts was one of Miami's ''main targets'' in free agency.

''We are delighted that this multi-faceted player will help us immensely,'' Riley said.

Chalmers has been with Miami for all six of his pro seasons, helping win two championships. He averaged 9.8 points and 4.9 assists last season and shot 38 percent from 3-point range.

''It's great to have Mario back,'' Riley said. ''We're happy that he wants to continue his career in Miami, he's one of our core players, and I believe he will have a great season.''

Granger has appeared in 556 career NBA regular-season games and averaged 17.4 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.9 assists. He's been bothered by injuries for most of the past two seasons.

''One of our main priorities this offseason was obtaining a proven veteran like Danny with All-Star experience,'' Riley said. ''We expect him to be a multi-position player and have a very successful season in our system.''

Nibali excels at Tour as Contador crashes out

PLANCHER-LES-MINES, France (AP— After just 10 stages, the two pre-race favorites have crashed out of the Tour de France. And Vincenzo Nibali is wasting little time in showing that he's now the man to beat.

On Monday, the Italian narrowly dodged a spill by Alberto Contador that left the two-time Tour champion with a fractured shin. Nibali went on to barrel past a panting breakaway rider to win a fog-and-rain coated, up-and-down Stage 10 and recover the yellow jersey that he had lost only a day earlier.

It didn't come easy.

''This was the hardest stage I've ever done in a Grand Tour, with seven climbs and so many crashes,'' said Nibali.

Contador's mishap has given this 101st edition of cycling's greatest event a dubious distinction of being the first in recent memory to force out its two top stars to crash injuries. Five stages earlier, reigning champ Chris Froome quit with a broken wrist and hand sustained in a string of spills.

As the race enters its first rest day on Tuesday, Nibali - who has already won the Spanish Vuelta and Italian Giro - looks on his way to winning his first Tour with just under two weeks to go.

When Stage 10 began, many race pundits—a nd Nibali himself—expected Contador to try to erase his 2 1/2 minute deficit to the Italian by attacking on the ride to the finish atop La Planche des Belles Filles ski resort. As FDJ.FR team manager Marc Madiot put it: ''This is the day for Contador to put Nibali into trouble.''

Instead, it was Contador having the problems.

The 31-year-old Spaniard took a hard tumble in a high-speed downhill run in the Vosges mountains. After riding about 18 kilometers (12 miles) in pain, the Tinkoff-Saxo Bank team leader finally gave up. He put his foot down, got off his bike, wiped his eyes and got into a team car. An X-ray later showed a shin fracture.

Nibali said he had been ready for a ''duel''.

''I already had a good lead and I was ready to fight in a big duel with Alberto,'' he said. ''Crashes are part of the sport. I've crashed myself many times in the past too. It's a pity that the Tour has lost two major protagonists.''

The Astana team leader regained the lead from France's Tony Gallopin - who had taken the yellow jersey off him a day earlier - in the 161.5-kilometer (100-mile) trek from eastern Mulhouse to the steep finish at La Planche des Belles Filles.

With a final burst of speed in the last two kilometers (1.2 miles), Nibali overtook breakaway rider Joaquim Rodriguez. By the end, Nibali crossed 15 seconds ahead of France's Thibaut Pinot in second and Spain's Alejandro Valverde in third, a further five seconds behind.

The Italian recovers the yellow jersey that he wore for seven days after he won the second stage in the hills of northern England. Overall, he leads Richie Porte of Australia by 2 minutes, 23 seconds, and Valverde, who is third, 2:47 back.

''My legs felt good. I knew the last three kilometers were the toughest, and that's when I accelerated,'' said Nibali, sucking his thumb in a tribute to his young daughter as he finished. ''I thought Rodriguez would follow but he seemed to have trouble.''

A string of crash injuries has meant that the Tour will have a first-time winner this year. Andy Schleck, the 2010 Tour winner, dropped out before Stage 4 following a crash injury a day earlier, though the Luxembourg rider said before the race that he wasn't in good enough shape to contend this year.

According to his spokesman, Contador said he wasn't exactly sure what caused the crash—which happened while he was speeding downhill at over 70 kph (about 40 mph) about halfway through the stage. Contador began the stage in ninth place overall—4 minutes, 8 seconds back of Gallopin.

From Brazil to Russia: A look at 2018 World Cup

MOSCOW (AP)—Brazil just barely managed to get everything ready in time for the World Cup. Russia insists it won't have any such problems in 2018, although the country faces other issues ahead of football's next showcase tournament—including the threat of racism and violence.

Just like in Brazil, the sheer size of Russia is set to cause logistical challenges for organizers and fans alike for the 2018 World Cup, with thousands of kilometers (miles) separating some of the host cities. But the successful staging of February's Winter Olympics without any major organizational problems has raised Russians' confidence in producing a high-class tournament.

After the games, Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko told parliament that Russia would avoid the ''Brazilian scenario'' of massive construction delays.

Of the 12 stadiums in 11 host cities, two are complete but must be reconfigured to host football games. A third, the Spartak Stadium in Moscow, will open in September. The others, including Moscow's 81,000-capacity Luzhniki where the final will be played, are brand new projects where construction has either started or will begin this year.

The Russian government insists it will complete the stadiums on time, although Mutko told local media in March that some aspects of the design process ''gave cause for disquiet'' as deadlines were missed.

''That is normal working concern,'' organizing committee head Alexei Sorokin told The Associated Press in a recent interview. ''That does not mean we are lying down calmly and waiting for things to happen. It suggests that we are ... attentive to it.''

Six stadiums still need to go through a design certification process before construction enters full swing.

''All of the projects are being developed pretty much at the same speed, with one or two exceptions,'' architect Peter Lavelle of the Populous firm, which designed the Kazan and Sochi stadiums and is working on the Saransk and Rostov-on-Don arenas, told The Associated Press.

But as long as projects remain uncertified, delays are inevitable, warned construction analyst Vitalie Iambla of consultancy firm PMR.

''We will have also stadiums built . a few weeks or months before the first whistle of the tournament,'' he said, adding that rising building material costs and the ruble's decline against other currencies over the last year are likely to cause cost overruns.

The government's model for the new stadiums is the Kazan Arena, which opened on time last year costing around $400 million and will be a World Cup stadium. The St. Petersburg stadium, however, is a sign of what can go wrong. The 69,000-capacity arena, which will host a 2018 semifinal, is scheduled to open in 2016, far beyond its one-time finishing date of December 2008. During that time, construction has been marred by delays while costs have soared to $1.1 billion, something Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev has labeled ''disgraceful.''

But a bigger issue may be fan racism, after several incidents in Russian club football in recent years.

Monkey chants aimed at Manchester City midfielder Yaya Toure by CSKA Moscow fans during a Champions League game in November earned the Russian club the first of two UEFA racism sanctions last season, and highlighted Russian football's problems with discrimination and violence. Last season also saw a swastika flag waved at a Spartak Moscow game and a violent pitch invasion by Zenit St. Petersburg supporters in which an opposition player was punched in the head.

''Russian football is a making certain efforts towards combatting (racism),'' Sorokin said. ''This thing exists everywhere, we are no exception. So we are going to do what we can.''

AP

In this photo taken on Sunday, July 13, 2014, FIFA President Sepp Blatter, left, and Russian President Vladimir Putin are seen during the official ceremony of handover to Russia as the 2018 World Cup hosts, after the World Cup final soccer match between Germany and Argentina at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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the sixth before the CNMI rallied in the seventh. The CNMI eventually battled back from that fateful loss, beating Guam in the rubber match to earn a finals date against Palau.

The defeat to Palau, according to Jones, encouraged him to play harder the following year when the CNMI bag the gold medal in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia and he has the same motivation in Pohnpei.

"Palau was a great learning experience for me. I learned a lot from playing against older and more experienced players. The 2010 Games helped me compete a lot better and have no fear facing the veterans. Thanks to Palau, it helped me dominate in New Caledonia," said Jones, who starred in the CNMI's 8-4 finals win over Guam in the Pacific Games.

Jones was among the latest additions to the CNMI Baseball Team that will compete in Pohnpei, which will host the Micro Games starting this Sunday until July 30. He found time to return to the island and represent the CNMI anew in the Micro Games after completing his stint with Colby Community College and signing up for an NCAA Division 2 school—the University of West Alabama.

The lefty pitcher believes his experience in the collegiate ranks will help the CNMI team's cause this year.

"I am bringing what I learned from Colby College baseball to the CNMI team, especially my pitching drills. I will help the pitching staff a lot," the Kagman High School graduate said.

Jones has been practicing with the squad for about three weeks and likes what he sees with his teammates, saying they have a pretty good chance of making it to the finals again and avenging their loss to Palau.

"The team is really sharp. We got a good mix of young and veteran players. I believe that the young players will compete and will hold nothing back against any Micronesian teams. We have great defense, offense, pitching, and of course our veteran coaching staff—Tony Tony Rogolifoi and Mel Sakisat," Jones said.

The former Trojans pitcher added the young players on the team have speed, are smart runners, and are powerful hitters.

"They can possibly help us score more than ten runs per game. The athleticism is also there both at outfield and infield. The CNMI people and fans can expect us to compete in a very high level against the Micronesian Games top teams like our rivals Guam and Palau," Jones said.

The baseball competition in the Micro Games will run from July 21 to 26 and July 28 to 29 at the Daini Field with Kosrae and host Pohnpei completing the field.

MARIANA

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hot shooting was countered by Mariana Resort's even scoring. Seven players shared the load for Mariana Resort, which stretched its advantage to twin digits by the end of the third canto, 67-55.

In the fourth period, Mariana Resort pulled away, leading by as much as 25 points. Again, Mariana Resort had a balance attack in the fourth canto with Abuan anchoring the team's offense with his seven points. Four other Mariana Resort players earned at least four markers apiece in the fourth-frame break away, while it was still Tabora and Catalla's show in the final canto for PIC. Tabora finished with a game-high 27 points, while Catalla registered 20. Butch Sublemente was the third best scorer on PIC's side with seven and the rest of the team combined for only 14 points.

Meanwhile, five other squads joined Mariana Resort and PIC Chefs in the parade of teams during the opening of the league. Blue Haus, Hawaiian Rock, Armatech, D&Q Degree, and Armatech complete this year's competition. Blue Haus and Hawaiian Rock played in the second game and results of the match will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Thursday issue.

Mariana Resort 94 – Alipio 18, Galulu 13, Cortez 12, Pineda 10, De Guzman 10, Abuan 9, Montes 5, Cosino 2, Garcia 2.

PIC Chefs 71 – J. Tabora 27, Catalla 30, Sublemente 7, Francia 6, D. Tabora 5, Novo 2, Guzman 1.

Scoring by quarters: 18-17, 43-35, 67-55, 94-71.

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goals, said he was pleased for Loew.

''I am happy for the coach, because he was always in the final or semifinal in recent years,'' Mueller said.

Midfielder Toni Kroos said the team trusted Loew and his decisions.

''We knew from day one that he has good vision and a very good feeling about whom and how to play,'' Kroos said. ''He knew exactly what he was doing and had confidence in us.''

As Germany returns home to celebrate the title with thousands of fans in Berlin, Loew might be contemplating his future. His contract runs through Euro 2018 and he has indicated he intends to stay on.

''We've been working for years on our own style. This title will be a shot in the arm for the future. We have players who are still very young and not many players over 30,'' Loew said.

''As for Klose, you never know, you can expect anything from him,'' Loew said of the 36-year-old striker. Klose has been noncommittal on his future.

Mario Goetze, who scored the match winner in the final with superb control and technique, is 22 and at the start of a promising career. Marco Reus and Ilkay Gundogan missed the tournament with injuries but will be back. Kroos, Mesut Ozil, Andre Schuerrle and Sami Khedira are all young, while Schweinsteiger and captain Philipp Lahm are still 30 or younger despite being in the team for 10 years or more.

''We have young players who can still achieve something in their careers,'' Loew said.

Heroes return to huge fan party

In Berlin, Germany's World Cup-winning team returned home to share the country's fourth title with huge crowds of cheering fans on Tuesday.

The team's plane touched down at Berlin's Tegel Airport midmorning after flying low over the ''fan mile'' in front of the landmark Brandenburg Gate.

Captain Philipp Lahm led the team off the aircraft with the trophy held aloft, to cheers and a chorus of ''Football's Coming Home'' from fans on the airport's viewing terrace.

He was followed by Schweinsteiger, draped in a German flag and sporting a bandage under his right eye, the result of a cut in the win over Argentina in the final on Sunday.

From the airport, the team set off for downtown Berlin in a bus painted with the years of Germany's World Cup victories: The previous occasions were in 1954, 1974 and 1990.

The team climbed aboard an open-top truck for the last part of the trip to the Brandenburg Gate, inching its way forward through cheering crowds.

Forward Lukas Podolski posted a selfie with Schweinsteiger and the trophy. He tweeted: ''The Cup is in Berlin!!!''

Goetze tweeted: "Wow, what's going on here... AMAZING!"

The ''fan mile'' started filling up hours before the arrival, with some waiting overnight to get a place at the front.

''This time, thank God, we have the cup with us,'' Schweinsteiger told ARD television. ''It will only sink in for us in the next few days.''

The team's plane was about an hour behind schedule, as its departure from Rio de Janeiro was delayed after a luggage truck hit the aircraft and damage to the paintwork had to be inspected.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	51	42	.548	—
Toronto	49	46	.516	3
New York	47	46	.505	4
Tampa Bay	43	53	.448	9 1/2
Boston	42	52	.447	9 ½

Central Division

Detroit	53	37	.589	—
Kansas City	47	46	.505	7 1/2
Cleveland	46	47	.495	8 1/2
Chicago	45	50	.474	10 1/2
Minnesota	43	50	.462	11 ½

West Division

Oakland	58	36	.617	—
Los Angeles	56	37	.602	1 1/2
Seattle	51	43	.543	7
Houston	40	55	.421	18 1/2
Texas	38	56	.404	20

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	51	42	.548	—
Atlanta	52	43	.547	—
New York	45	50	.474	7
Miami	44	50	.468	7½
Philadelphia	42	53	.442	10

Central Division

Milwaukee	53	43	.552	—
St. Louis	52	44	.542	1
Cincinnati	51	44	.537	1½
Pittsburgh	49	46	.516	3½
Chicago	40	54	.426	12

West Division

Los Angeles	54	43	.557	—
San Francisco	52	43	.547	1
San Diego	41	54	.432	12
Colorado	40	55	.421	13
Arizona	40	56	.417	13½

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Send-Off for CNMI Team Heading to 8th Micronesian Games

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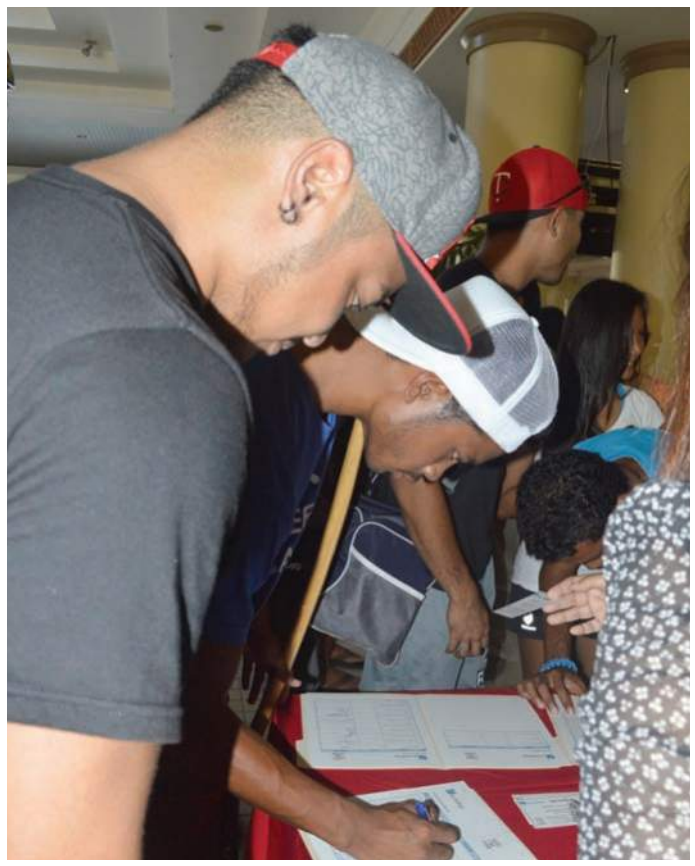
Athletes and officials of the CNMI Team, Gov. Eloy Inos, the island's lawmakers, and sports supporters pose for a group photo after the send-off ceremony for the squad that will be competing in the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei later this month.

Gov. Eloy Inos delivers a brief message to athletes and officials of the CNMI Team.

Gov. Eloy Inos, fifth from left, shakes hand with NMSA president Michael White after handing the CNMI flag to the latter.



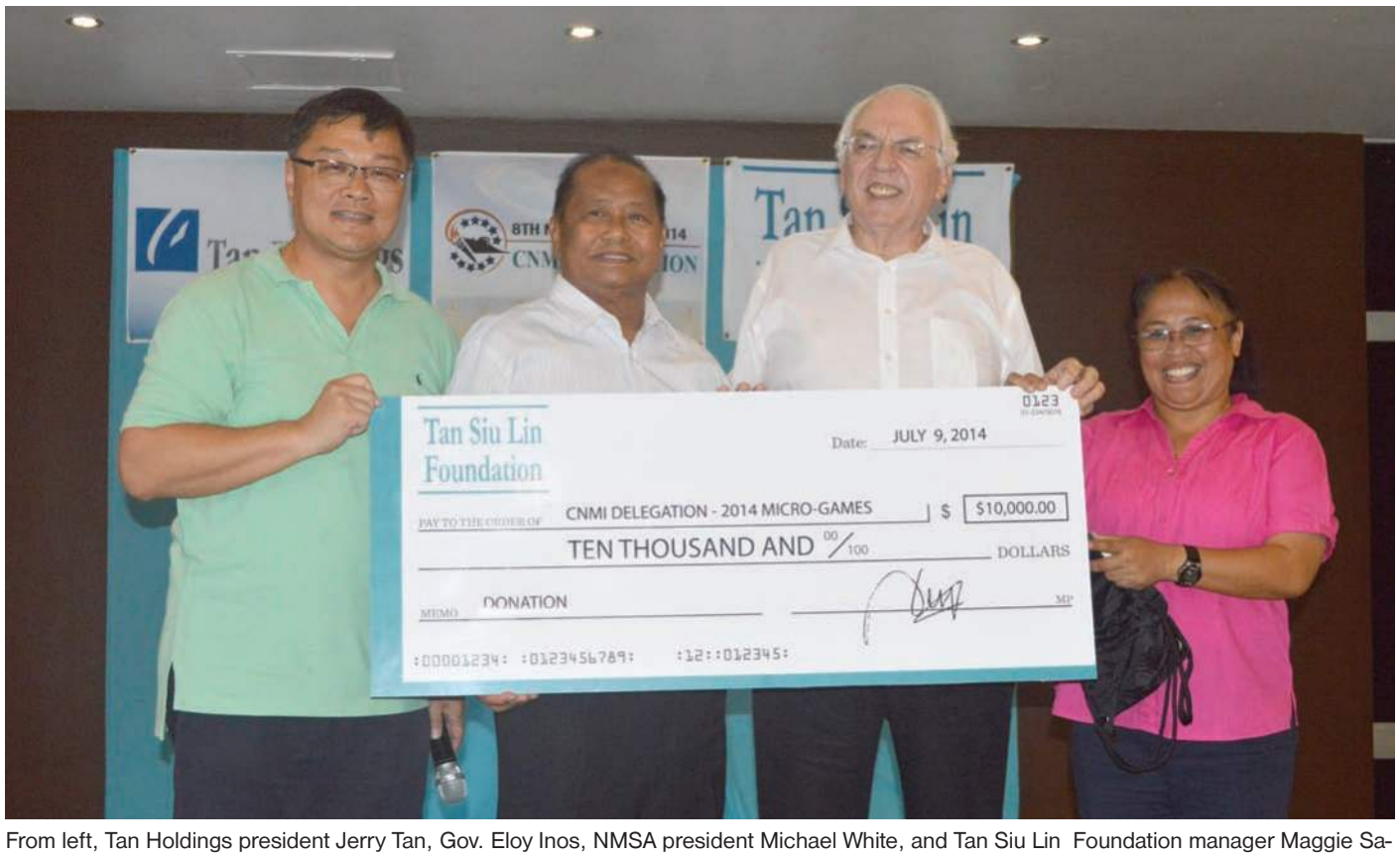
Two members of the CNMI Canoe Team sign up to receive the $100 coupon.

Athletes and officials line up to get their $100 coupon, which they will trade for cash before leaving for Pohnpei.

Members of the CNMI Athletics Team sign up to receive their $100 coupon from the TSL Foundation.

NMSA officials and members chat with Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, third from right, after the donation presentation.

CNMI athletes and officials listen to the message of Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan.


Tan Siu Lin Foundation
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PAY TO THE ORDER OF CNMI DELEGATION - 2014 MICRO-GAMES
$ $10,000.00
TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS
MEMO DONATION

From left, Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, Gov. Eloy Inos, NMSA president Michael White, and Tan Siu Lin Foundation manager Maggie Sablan, show the ceremonial check representing the foundation's $10,000 donation to the CNMI Team.

Cespedes repeats as HR derby champion

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Jones aims for payback in Pohnpei

8TH MICRO GAMES 2014 POHNPEI FSM

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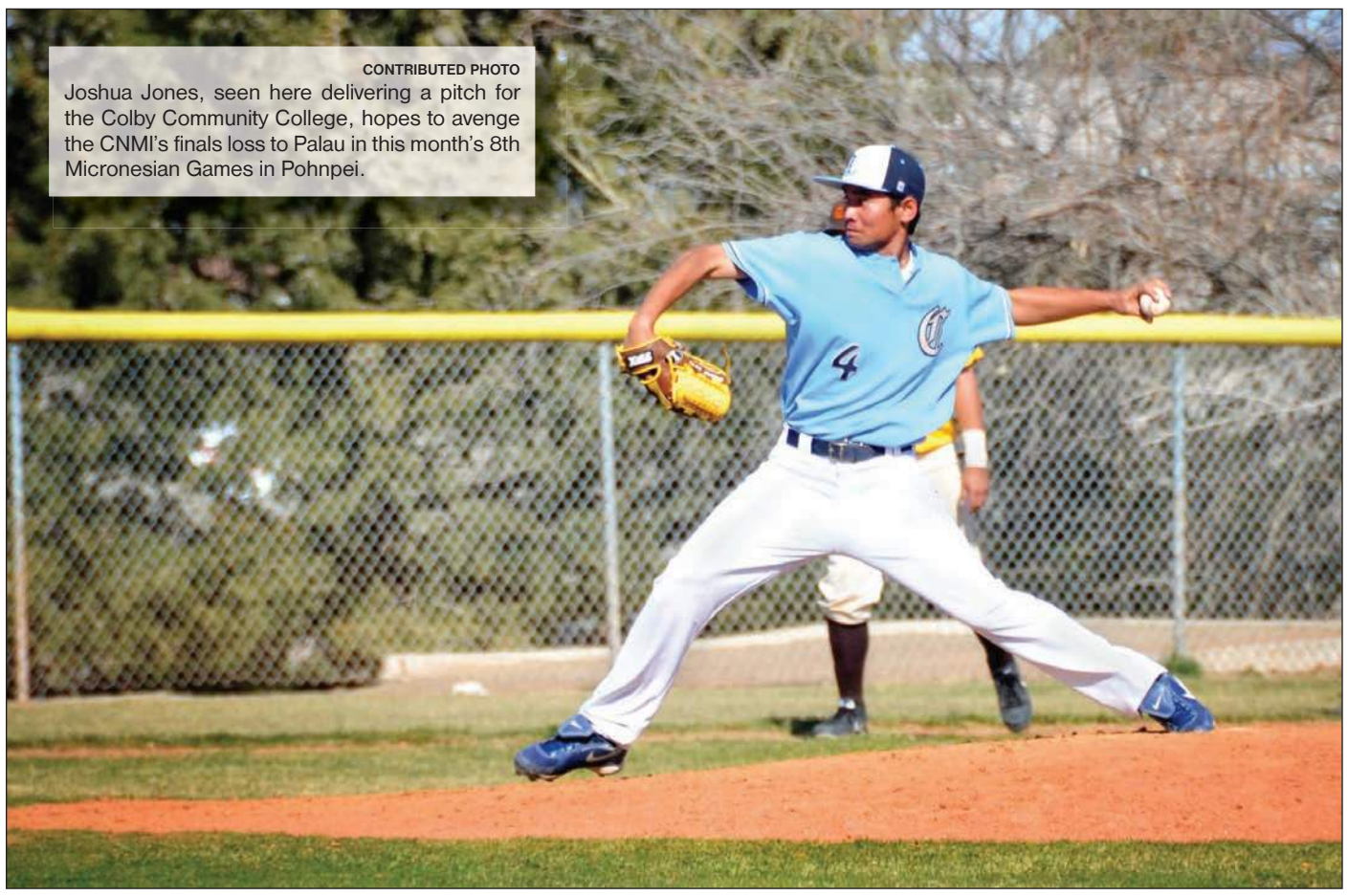

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Joshua Jones, seen here delivering a pitch for the Colby Community College, hopes to avenge the CNMI's finals loss to Palau in this month's 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei.

CNMI pitching ace Joshua Jones is going for vengeance as he leads the 21-player Commonwealth team to the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei.

Jones and company are hoping to avenge their finals loss Palau, which denied the CNMI back-to-back titles in 2010 after a 7-3 victory in the championship game in Koror during the 7th Micronesian Games. Besides the finals defeat, the Tony Rogolifoi-managed team also suffered two other losses at the hands of the host four years ago. Palau won in the elimination, 6-5, and the controversial semis match for the first finals berth, 5-3.

The 2010 champion was awarded the semis win despite falling behind the CNMI, 5-7, at the top of the seventh inning. Rain stopped the game and when it was time to decide the winner, Palau prevailed as organizers ruled that the final score to be considered in a rained-out game was after five innings and the host was ahead, 5-3, after

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Mariana Resort draws first blood in Emon Lodge

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Mariana Resort debuted in the 2014 Emon Lodge No.179 Basketball League 40 and Above Masters Division with a 94-71 spanking of Pacific Island Club's Chefs last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mariana Resort launched a second-half surge behind its much deeper roster and tougher frontliners to have a rousing start in the masters league. Sweet-shooting forward Jun Alipio led five Mariana Resort players in double figures with his 18 points. Lefty wingmen Joseph Galulu and Dennis Cortez chipped in 13 and 12, respectively, while quarterback Elmer Pineda and big man Jorge De Guzman added 10 apiece. De Guzman teamed up with Ed Cosino and Art Montes in manning the paint for Mariana Resort, while other members of the team are Emir Abuan, Boy Garcia, Fyke Sabino, and Jess Estonil.

PIC Chefs is bannered by gunner Jun Tabora and Rodney Catalla, who made their presence felt early in the game, combining for 14 points in the first quarter to keep the team afloat, as Mariana Resort was up by only a hair, 18-17.

Mariana Resort then created more breathing room in the second quarter, as it earned 20-plus points with every player it fielder in the match contributing on offense. Eight different players lit up the scoreboard for Mariana Resort with four of them nailing at least four markers apiece to lift the squad to a 43-35 halftime edge. PIC Chefs logged no more than 20 markers anew in the second period, as only Tabora and Catalla consistently hit their targets.

Catalla kept going in the second half, firing two triples and adding 10 points, however his

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Marianas Resort's Jorge De Guzman towers above PIC Chefs defenders as he goes up for a banked shot during the fourth quarter of the opening game in the Emon Lodge masters caging last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

World Cup title ends 10-year project for Germany

FIFA WORLD CUP Brasil 2014

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— The World Cup title for Joachim Loew and his ''golden generation'' crowned a process that was 10 years in the making. With a talented crop of new players coming through, the future looks bright for Germany.

The 1-0 victory over Argentina at the Maracana that gave Germany its fourth title and made it the first European team to win the championship on South American soil completed a circle for Loew that began in 2004, when he became Juergen Klinsmann's assistant.

The two friends began plotting how to bring the title back to Germany and rejuvenated the team, creating an attacking, entertaining style that pleased the eye and promised success.

Germany fell short at home in 2006, finishing third, and Klinsmann stepped down to leave Loew in charge. Loew's team reached the final of Euro 2008, finished third again at the 2010 World Cup and was a semifinalist at Euro 2012. With doubts growing whether Loew's Germany could ever become a champion, the team pulled off the historic run in Brazil, including a stunning 7-1 victory over the host in the semifinal.

''It was time,'' Loew said after the final. ''It's the product of many years of work. And it's something for eternity.''

A meticulous planner who leaves little to chance, Loew made risky decisions that turned out right. He gave key midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger time to slowly nurse himself back into the team after a series of injuries and Schweinsteiger was one of the heroes of the final. Loew reshuffled the defense when needed and returned his only true striker, Miroslav Klose, to the starting line-up.

''The coach has really deserved the title,'' Schweinsteiger said. ''He managed to keep all players happy and that's incredible, to his credit. He really had the entire team behind him.''

Forward Thomas Mueller, who led the team with five

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AP
A Germany fan waits for the team to appear on the stage at the Brandenburg gate after the arrival of the German national soccer team in Berlin Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Germany beat Argentina, 1-0, on Sunday to win its fourth World Cup title.